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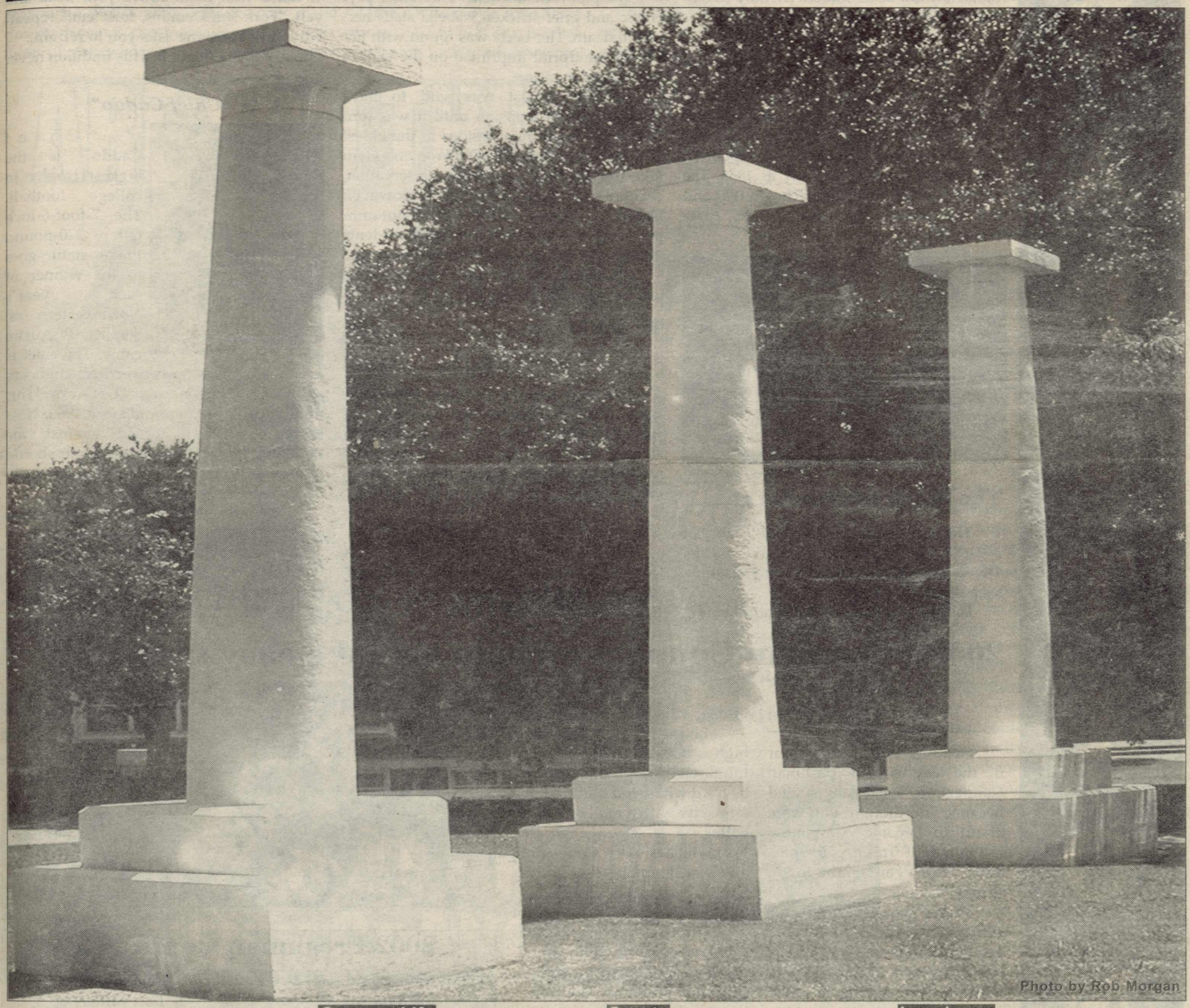

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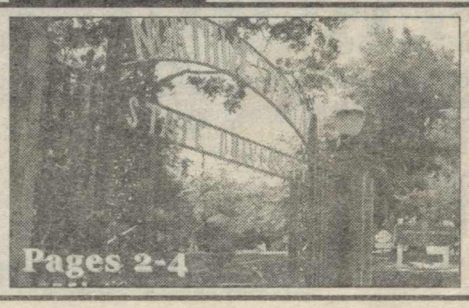

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TRADITIONS

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-Chief

Traditions are the foundations of any well-established university, and Northwestern State University is not lacking in the department of traditions. Some traditions may not be as student friendly as others, but they are traditions, nonetheless.

The Columns

First, and probably the most important, is the tradition of the three columns. The columns serve as the unofficial symbol of the University. The columns once supported the Bullard mansion as early as 1856. The first school building was erected in 1884 and the evolution of Northwestern State University began.

Photo by Rob Morgan

The Spirit of Isabella

The next tradition or legend is a story of a young French maiden, love and suicide. The story line is better than any daytime soap opera.

Isabella was allegedly a beautiful young woman who came from a wealthy family from south Louisiana. She fell in love with a man of whom her family did not approve. Isabella's lover was killed in a dual and the distraught maiden fled to Natchitoches to join the convent that once stood where the columns presently stand.

The plot now thickens. The rather psychotic and grief stricken Isabella stabs herself to death. Her body was found with her bloody handprint imprinted on the wall of the Bullard mansion.

Isabella's ghost was said to have roamed Bullard mansion until it was torn down. The spirit now resides in the oldest building on campus, the Old Women's Gym (aka the National Center for Preservation, Technology, and Training). However, Isabella has been known to roam about campus and has even had run-ins with students in Varnado Hall and the Student Union.

Make plans to remember Isabella's restless spirit on Halloween night.

In athletics

Vic the Demon

Traditions can also be found in our athletics. Vic the Demon, the large-headed, stout guy with a widow's peak, can be seen at most any sporting event. Vic officially received his name in 1984 and has been giving people hell since then.

"Fork 'em Demons!"

Another sporting tradition is the "Fork 'em Demons" hand gesture. The "Fork 'em" symbol can easily be made.

1) Start with your hand open.

2) Fold your middle and ring fingers down. I know that it's a shame that your middle finger is not involved in this hand gesture, but you will learn that the middle finger is well used around campus.

3) Place your thumb over your folded middle and ring fingers. Okay, almost there.

4) Raise your hand above your head and yell, "Fork 'em Demons, fork 'em!" repeatedly until someone asks you to refrain. There, you are doing it. This tradition never gets old.

"Chief Caddo"

Photo by Kaleb Breaux

"Chief Caddo" is the biggest trophy in college football. The 7-foot-6-inch tall, 320-pound Indian statue goes to the winner of each year's Northwestern vs. Stephen F. Austin game. The chief is a symbol of kinship between Natchitoches and its sister city Nacogdoches, Texas. This tradition has been around since 1960. NSU holds a 22-12-1 record against the Lumberjacks. But the big question is should Lumberjacks and wooden statues really reside together anyway?

These are only a few traditions found on campus. Maybe one day thousands of years from now our children's children's children will be participating in some tradition that you started.

But don't hold your breath.

2002 Freshman Connectors help to make easy transition

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-Chief

Heading out of your door on the way to your Freshman Connection, I bet you smiled because you thought you were about to become completely independent from your parents, from your hometown, from everyone.

That's what you get for thinking, because there are approximately 24 Northwestern State students who are just waiting to assist you once you to step foot on this campus.

The 2002 Freshman Connectors are here to make your first college experience a rather pleasant one. The orientation leaders, or Connectors, convey information to new students and their families about our University's programs, activities, and services.

Making the transition from high school to college can be tough on any student. Life can be hard when you move from a large city with a mall to a small college town like Natchitoches. The Connectors are here to make that transition as easy as possible.

Reatha Cox, director of new student programs, serves as adviser for the Connectors.

The Connectors do not stop with students. The transition can be hard on parents, as well. The Connectors are also here to assist your parents with any question or request that they may have. Their job is to make sure that your mother and or father leaves this campus knowing that you will be safe.

Photo courtesy of Reatha Cox

2002 Freshman Connectors

Jennifer Adams	Allison Miers
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Kristi LeLeux	Terrica Wallace
Shawna Manning	**Reatha Cox (adviser)**

Words of Wisdom (part one)

By Sauce Staff

Welcome, incoming freshmen. Today marks the beginning of a journey that for some of you will end in receiving a degree with 1,000 of your closest personal classmates. And for those of you who never will experience the thrill of achievement and success by walking across the stage in Prather Coliseum and grasping with your right hand the fruit of your four to six years endeavor and shaking the hand of the University's president with your left, SCREW IT! That is what you have parents for. I'm sure they can get you on at Uncle Ernie's floating bait shop in the Atlantic Ocean catering to fisherman who haven't seen a woman in so long the thought of bedding a flounder isn't too far fetched.

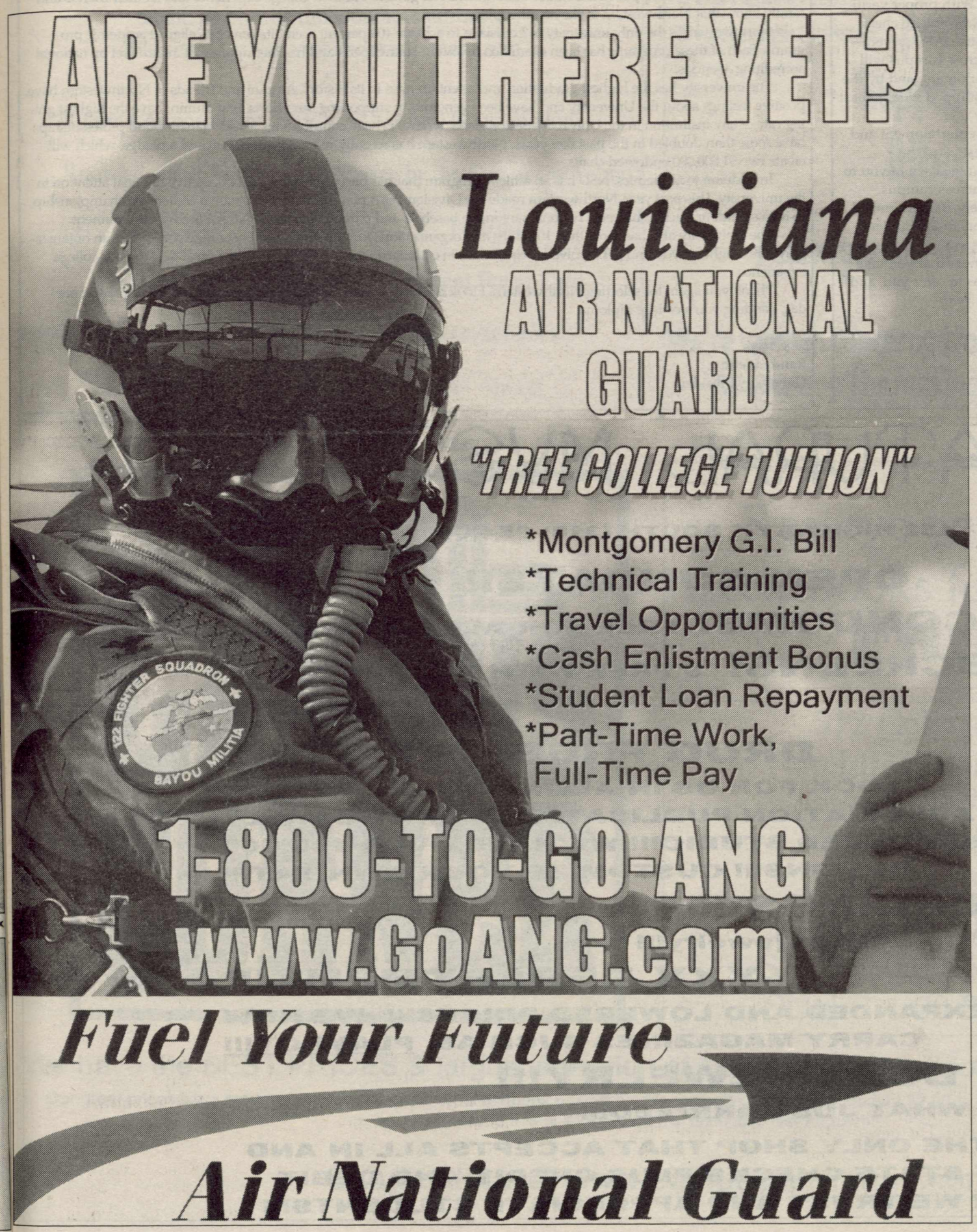
I start my first in a series of articles offering a few tips to enhance your scholastic and social careers while here at glorious NSU. A school that proudly boasts the slogan, "Where the students come first," or my own variation of the slogan, "Where the students hopefully come somewhere around third, but usually not at all because of all the bureaucratic malarkey that pervades this once sanctimonious institution."

Tip #1: Do not upset the secretaries at this school. You have not yet realized the power these seemingly meek women hold. They are the proverbial axe hitting the chopping block when it comes to action around campus. If you feel yourself about to slip and tell one of them to 'go blow a goat'—and you will—run out immediately. Always keep your composure because these women not only hold access to the University's higher ups, they hold access to your grades. Do not upset these women. They may seem old and feeble, but under the surface lies years of pent up rage and bitterness.

Tip #2: There is this thing called an adviser, you might want to use it. Someone told me they help students take the proper amount of hours to ensure a prompt graduation date. I'm not quite sure about this mythical beast, but one of these advisers would have come in handy about year six of my college career. Currently, I have a total of 358 hours, but I'm still somehow lacking 124 hours to graduate. I don't know how I did this, but I bet an adviser could tell me.

Tip #3: Read *The Current Sauce*, the official on-campus publication for the student body of Northwestern State University. Some may say it sucks and others may say we misquote people and make them look like morons. Not true. Morons make themselves look like morons. We just help them along by making it widely known through our humble paper.

Yes, incoming students of NSU *The Current Sauce* is here to serve you. We pledge to keep you—the student—informed of campus activities and news. We will cover campus sports, Greek activities and anything happening with the confines of this University that is fit to print; in order, to bring you the best campus newspaper we can. The only thing we ask in return is to read it. And we love feedback, so if there is something you do not like just send us a letter, and we will try our best to fix it. You can access *The Sauce* online at www.currentsauce.com.



Cosby excited about upcoming scholastic year

Stacie Cosby
SGA President

It is my privilege to be one of the first people to welcome you to Northwestern State University. As President of the Student Government Association, I am delighted to inform you that the University has many great things planned for the upcoming year. First, there will be many visible modifications made to the available technology throughout the campus. With proper verification, students will now be able to check out laptops for personal use. Also, several student computer labs across campus will receive new, updated equipment, and by the end of fall semester, each dormitory shall be equipped with at least one computer lab.

This year there will also be many exciting entertainment and academic programs scheduled, such as "Fall Fest" and the Distinguished Speaker, Dr. Rick Rigsby. I encourage each of you to get involved with organizations and activities across campus. Northwestern State University has approximately 100 recognized student organizations that vary from NSU Tutors to the Student Activities Board. NSU also offers several club sports including the Club Soccer team and the Rowing Team. I promote that you take advantage of the many things Northwestern has to offer you, and I look forward to working with each of you next year.

Sincerely,
Stacie Cosby
Student Government Association President

Randall Webb
University President

'Good things are happening at this university'

Congratulations for choosing Northwestern State University and for taking part in Freshman Connection.

During Freshman Connection, you will have the chance to learn why Northwestern is a special place. I like to tell every group I speak to that "Good things are happening at Northwestern State University".

The reason that so many good things are happening at this university is that the top priority of our faculty and staff is to create a student-oriented environment. We want Northwestern to be a place where each of you feels at home, has the opportunity to succeed academically and earns a degree in your chosen field.

Enrollment at Northwestern has risen steadily over the past 15 years. One reason this has happened is because our students feel good about their college experience and let their friends and family know that Northwestern is like no other place.

Northwestern is the only university in Louisiana to achieve 100 percent accreditation of its eligible academic programs. Each of these programs has been examined by out-of-state experts and has met rigorous standards set by national accrediting agencies.

The university has the highest graduation and retention rates in its history. Alumni and friends of Northwestern have positive feelings about the University and have been generous in supporting our efforts. Our alumni have the highest giving rate of any institution in the University of Louisiana System. Private contributions for scholarships and professorships have more than doubled in the past five years. Northwestern has recently received a donation and a pledge, which will create two $1,000,000 endowed chairs.

In addition to academics, NSU has an athletic program that has brought a great deal of positive national attention to the university. This past year, Northwestern made the Division 1-AA playoffs in football, won a conference championship in men's outdoor track, achieved a national ranking in baseball, and participated in the NCAA Softball Tournament.

The University also has more than 100 clubs and organizations for our students. I encourage you to find an organization that is right for you and get involved. Being active in extracurricular activities will add a great deal to your college experience.

Thank you again for selecting Northwestern. I look forward to meeting you, seeing you around campus, and one day, handing you a college diploma.

Sincerely,
Randy Webb
University President

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Did You Know...

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

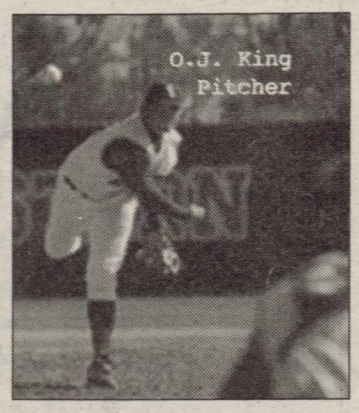
An unfortunate plague to Northwestern State University's athletic success is LSU. It is a common fact. No matter the Herculean task achieved, LSU still holds the state's attention. Well, even though NSU doesn't have school paraphernalia at every truck stop and Wal-Mart in the state, we still hold some very strong accomplishments.

Justin Wolfe
Sprints

NSU Track and Field

For starters, Northwestern's Men's Track and Field team is the newly crowned Southland champions, beating out Southwest Texas at the 2002 Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships. This is their eighth championship. Another honor bestowed upon the NSU track team involves their coach, Leon Johnson—the 2002 SLC Track coach of the year.

NSU Baseball


O.J. King
Pitcher

Northwestern's baseball team captured some of their own accomplishments. Demon pitcher O.J. King was named SLC Pitcher of the year, and the Demons share the 2002 SLC championship with the University of Monroe in Louisiana.

NSU Football

In football, NSU has produced 29 All-Americans and 57 Demons have played in the NFL. One NSU alumni standout, Gary Reasons, was an NSU All-American in three consecutive seasons and helped the New York Giants win two Super Bowls.

Kurt Rodriguez
Linebacker

NSU Women's Basketball

Angela Davidson
Forward

Northwestern State Women's Basketball team holds over two dozen SLC records, including most points scored in a season and most fieldgoals in a season.

These are just a few of the athletic distinctions held by NSU; programs that earn more name recognition with each passing season. Remember, all sporting events are free for NSU students.

Photos by Gary Hardamon

Intramural schedule for fall 2002

For those of you who are totally baffled by the terminology in the above banner and the below schedule, here are a few explanations.

IM stands for the Intramural Center. Don't ask me how they got IM out of Intramural Center, they just did.

If you try to go to the 'IM', though, you are going to be out of luck because it is closed for the next 40 years. Just kidding – it's being renovated.

ROTC refers to the ROTC fields located by the University Columns and the NSU Soccer field. Please keep off the NSU Soccer field.

The Cane River Room is located on the second floor of the Student Union and is the room that says "Cane River Room" on the door.

PE Majors is the PE Majors Building located behind Sabine hall and next to the University Columns.

The IM Fields are the fields across the road from Chaplin's Lake. You know, that foul smelling, stagnant body of water people keep daring you to jump in. Trust me, there aren't enough antibiotics in the world.

The NSU Rec Complex is located off campus on the Highway 1 bypass.

Outside of those few brain teasers, the rest are pretty self-explanatory. And the Student Union is pretty hard to miss, right?

Date	Event	Location	Time
September 3-5	Flag Football Officials Clinic	ROTC	3 p.m.
September 5	Flag FB Team Capt. Meeting	Cane River Rm	6 p.m.
September 9	Flag FB Season Begins	IM Fields	3 p.m.
September 19	Doubles Tennis	NSU Complex	7 p.m.
September 25	8-ball Pool	SU Alley	6 p.m.
October 1-3	Flag FB Playoffs	IM Fields	3 p.m.
October 3	Volleyball Officials Clinic	PE Majors	8 p.m.
October 9	VB Season Begins	PE Majors	7 p.m.
October 16	Homecoming Fun Run	Student Union	4 p.m.
October 28	2-Person Golf Scramble	Rec Complex	2 p.m.
November 6-7	Ultimate Frisbee	IM Fields	2 p.m.
November 12-13	7-on-7 Soccer	IM Fields	2 p.m.
November 21-24	LCIRSA State Tournament	LSUS	
December 5	Horseshoes	IM Fields	3 p.m.

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University grows despite setbacks

By the *Sauce* staff

NSU broke enrollment records last year despite several ongoing or delayed construction projects on campus.

2002's spring semester enrollment, despite being lower than the fall's, continued an upward trend in the University's undergraduate population over the past several semesters. The NSU admissions office said there are 25 students to every faculty member.

This growth came over a period when three University departments – Family and Consumer Sciences, Nursing and the Louisiana Scholars' College – were moved from their buildings into South Hall to allow contractors to renovate their home buildings.

The Sauce reported in March that the renovations were delayed by a statewide budget pinch.

The University also announced progress in the long-delayed renovations to the Intramural Building in April. The renovation process has cost most NSU students $75 each semester since students passed the referendum, effective for 25 years, in the fall of 1998.

Still, the renovations to the FACS building, Scholars' College's Morrison Hall and the IM are in progress and scheduled to be finished within two years.

The Sauce also reported in April on the move of many of the IM's facilities to the basement of Rapides Hall, as well as planned summer renovations to Varnado, Sabine and Boozman dormitories scheduled to be complete by the fall. The University also installed new door lock systems on the dorms in the spring.

Students living on campus can expect reduced cable service than those living off school property. COX Communications, which serves NSU and much of Natchitoches with cable, offers off-campus residents several more channels as part of its basic cable service than on-campus residents.

A COX spokesperson said NSU must rebuild parts of its cable system to comply with upgrades that COX performed to the rest of Natchitoches.

The Student Government Association expanded the student-funded computer lab system with a new overnight lab in the Health and Human Performance building in February. The lab stays open non-stop from Sunday afternoons to midnight on Wednesdays.

To Rush or not to Rush

A look at the positive aspects of Greek life at NSU

By Josh Green
Sauce Staff

Okay, you've seen all the news stories about how Greek communities at other universities have been suspended from their campuses because of another illegal act. Now you are here at NSU wondering why hundreds of people choose to go through Greek Rush each year.

Through all the stereotyping, name-calling and defamation, you ask yourself why anyone would choose to wear the letter shirts that brand them to one fraternity or sorority. It turns out those individuals may have many reasons to do so.

NSU's Greek community is one of the most involved on the University campus. Fraternities and sororities are visible at most of NSU's student activities and athletic events, and hold many positions in the University's legislative bodies. Many feel this opportunity to get involved develops both social and leadership potential.

NSU's Greek community also has a strong presence in the surrounding communities. Each fraternity has made sure its members are visible in service projects ranging from highway cleanups to food drives.

One NSU sorority received media attention for its attempts to aid children affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. Members of the sorority produced care packages filled with toys and other items for children. The sorority collected hundreds of boxes and shipped them in time for Christmas delivery.

Chris Baker and Wes Breeden are fraternity members on the University's campus and recently took part in a nation-wide philanthropic event. PUSH America took the two on a cross-country trip to inform people about disabilities.

"It was the best summer of my life," Breeden said, "I believe our concern toward issues such as disabilities shows what the true meaning of Greek life is about."

Greek life also offers students the ability to excel in academics. The University even has two honor societies, National Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Alpha, which honors students for reaching high goals in academics. Many fraternities and sororities also encourage a minimum number of study hall hours for its members each week.

New members of the Greek community will participate in Greek 1010, an educational program sponsored each Fall by the National Order of Omega and NSU's Greek Life office. Eligibility for each organization varies, but minimum GPA requirements are usually set around 2.0.

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One of our own

2001-2002 Sauce editor dies in sleep; funeral set for Saturday

By *The Sauce* staff

NSU Senior Rondray Hill, former reporter, sports editor and editor-in-chief of *The Current Sauce*, died Saturday while interning in Washington, D.C.

Hill, 21, died from a heart attack in his sleep early Saturday morning. Hill took medication for a heart condition but rarely discussed it with his friends or colleagues.

A journalism major with an emphasis in broadcast, Hill finished his classes at the University this spring and was to begin his internship with the Washington-based Student Press Law Center on Tuesday.

A 1998 graduate of C.E. Byrd High School and Shreveport native, Hill served on the staff of *The Current Sauce* for all four of his years as an undergraduate student at Northwestern State University. Hill had also reported and anchored sports for NSU22, the University's own television station.

The journalism department will honor Hill during the fall commencement ceremony by presenting his parents with a posthumous bachelor's journalism degree.

Hill's parents Donald and Lillian Hill and his brother Donetrus Hill survive him.

A memorial service and funeral for Hill will be held Saturday at the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church on 5340 Jewella Avenue. in Shreveport. The service is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

***The Sauce* salutes Rondray**
Photographs and memories from the *Sauce* and NSU.
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Post your own memories of Rondray on-line at **www.currentsauce.com**

Rondray Hill
1980 - 2002

Donors create $100k education publication professorship

Courtesy of the News Bureau

The Steeg Family Foundation of New Orleans has made a donation of $60,000 to the NSU Foundation to establish the Melba L. Steeg Endowed Professorship in Primary Education.

The professorship was created to honor Steeg. The donation will be matched with $40,000 from the Board of Regents Support Fund to create a $100,000 endowed professorship.

With this donation, 22 endowed professorships are secured through the NSU Foundation.

"Any time you can add an endowed professorship, your academic integrity is enhanced," NSU Dean of Education John Tollett said. "It adds another level of national recognition and credibility to the program."

"This will give us the opportunity to designate a faculty member who will produce professional publications which will enhance our education program and work closely with public

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Quenching the work drought

JLD office finds students summer jobs

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

So, you decided to spend your summer in Natchitoches to take those classes that are too hard to pass during the fall and spring semesters. It looked like a good idea on paper, right?

But now you remember that your finances are running low. Well, the University has people who would love to assist you in your quest to find the perfect summer job.

The Job Location and Development Office is the perfect resource for any University student looking for employment opportunities. Located in Room 305 of the Friedman Student Union, the office assists NSU students with locating off-campus jobs.

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Registering for the free service is simple. First, the applicant fills out a general application, assembles a resume and gives the office a list of references.

The office then takes the information, files it and periodically contacts local employers in person, either by phone or e-mail.

"We are really like matchmakers," Evie Posey, the office's director, said.

The office does experience some slow months finding employment for students. Heather Johnson, a student worker for Posey, said employment is harder to find from the middle of June through August.

"It picks back up in August at the beginning of the fall," Johnson said.

The estimated combined student wages for this fiscal year (July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002) will be $286,157.

The office matched 145 University students with 86 area employers, which included law offices, restaurants and other local employers.

"The jobs that students are offered vary," Posey said. "We try to stay away from the fast food industry."

The employers do, for the most part, work around students' schedules. They offer full- and part-time jobs to University students.

Students do not have to be enrolled during the summer sessions to use the office's services, but they do have to be a University student.

For more information, visit the office or contact Evie Posey at (318) 357-5621 or (888) 261-7518.

Professorship

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school systems in the area," he said.

Steeg graduated from NSU in education. She has been an active supporter of the university and has served as president of the NSU Foundation, on the Foundation Board and on NSU's President Council. During her tenure as president, the foundation received its first $1 million endowed chair and a pledge to create another.

In 1994, Steeg was named to the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line. Steeg was named to the NSU College of Business Hall of Distinction in 1998. She is president of Investing and Developing, Inc., a commercial and residential real estate developing and financing corporation.

During World War II, Melba Steeg's husband Moise Steeg served in the Air Force for four years, leaving the service as a decorated captain.

In the field of education, Moise Steeg served as chairman of the Loyola University Board of Trustees and is a member of the Tulane Association program. He has also been a member of the Tulane Law School's Dean's Council and was vice chairman of its building fund. He has also supported NSU as a member of the President's Council.

Moise S. Steeg, Jr., is a prominent New Orleans attorney. He was one of the youngest graduates in the history of Tulane Law School and had to wait until he was 21 to be admitted to the Louisiana Bar. His professional memberships include the American, Louisiana and New Orleans Bar Associations as well as the Association of Real Estate Mortgage Attorneys.

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Physical Plant director to retire; University searches for successor

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

NSU Physical Plant director Loren Lindsey is planning on retiring at the turn of the year, and the University has already begun seeking candidates to succeed him.

Lindsey said that while he has yet to provide official notification of retirement to University President Randall Webb, he is planning on leaving the University after the new calendar year.

Vice President of University Affairs John Winston said interviews for the position, which he said is key to the operation of the University, will begin over the next few weeks. He said the selection process should take at least an additional month.

"Possibly we will be bringing a person on around October to shadow him for a few months so we can have a smooth transition," Winston said.

Both Winston and Lindsey said that while there are no immediate plans on part of the plant to hire any other new workers, the new director would have the prerogative to make those decisions him or herself.

The plant has suffered from understaffing during the last semesters as NSU's rate of growth was not matched with new plant hirings.

Lindsey said that he is retiring because he has worked long enough at NSU to be "doing it for fun" and could make more money working outside of the University. He expressed interest in returning in a part-time capacity to work on state-appropriated capital outlay projects.

Winston also said there are several other key people on the plant's staff that are also considering retirement but did not disclose any names, noting that nobody else on the staff has confirmed retirement plans.

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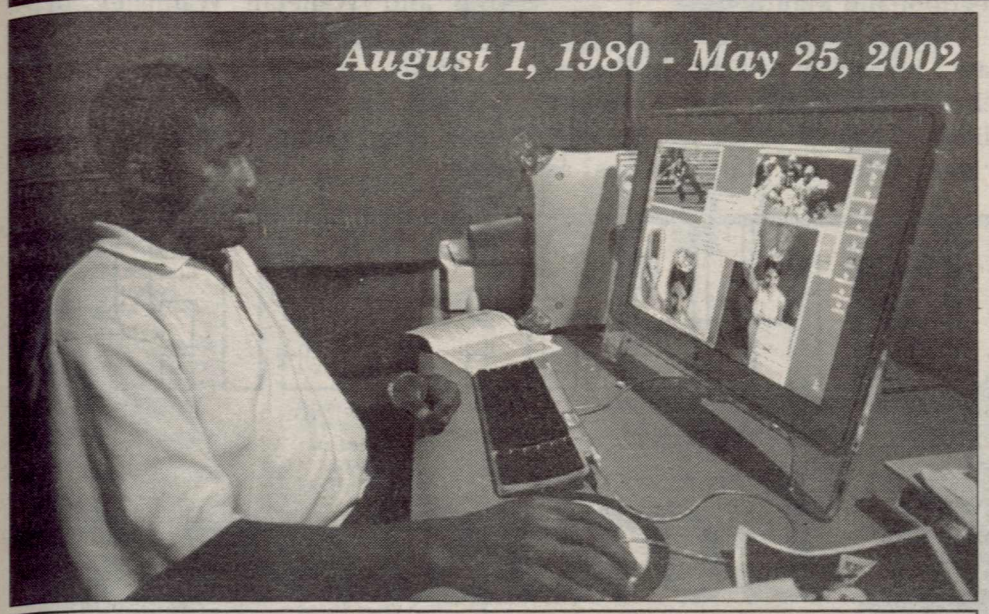

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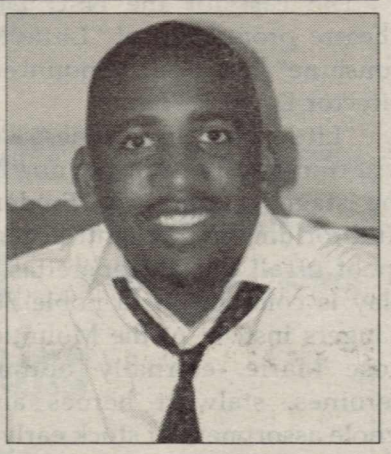
Left: *The Current Sauce* was Rondray Hill's life. He stayed as long as it took to finish the Sauce every Wednesday night.

Right: Rondray dressed up for his staff and the department of journalism on Halloween. His sense of humor never went unnoticed.

Bottom: The exuberant editor of *The Current Sauce* did whatever it took to get people to listen to him, even if it ment yelling out made-up vocals while banging out chords on an acoustic guitar.



By Garrett Guillotte
Current Sauce staff

Rondray still welcomes callers to The Sauce. Go ahead, try it after the office is closed - call 357-5456, let it ring four or so times. You'll hear him say, "Hi, you've reached the office of student publications at Northwestern State University."

Remember those stories after the World Trade Center towers fell, about people checking their voice mail and hearing messages left by people who weren't alive anymore?

"Our normal business hours are from eight in the morning to three in the afternoon."

The voice of our answering system mailbox is Rondray Hill, *The Sauce's* editor from this time last year until he graduated from NSU a month ago. He passed away Saturday from a heart attack.

His voice had, for the two semesters I knew him, never angered, rarely worried, often laughed and always caught your attention. What he said was sometimes stunningly brilliant, sometimes stunningly bizarre, but was always something you just had to hear. He spoke with a mind that ran faster than his mouth could move, with a lexicon filled with "didja hear about"s and "can you beLIEVE"s, a passion to learn and a greater passion to share what he learned with others.

But what always struck me about Rondray, no matter how hard I butted heads with him over controversial decisions in the paper or story deadlines or dragging on Wednesday layout sessions 'til three in the morning, was how he could take all the abuse I heaped on him - all the abuse that practically everyone on campus heaped on him - as The Sauce's editor and still downright gloat over how wonderful the job was.

He grinned - like a fool, people would say - through the Student Government Association's editor-firing ruckus last fall. Even as those around him threw chairs and insults at each other, Rondray - the only one whose head was actually on the chopping block - appeared to be perpetually out fishing, relaxed, unfazed.

He planned potential legal action with more calm grace than I could plan a picnic. If you lose your job, Rondray, and your scholarship, Rondray, what will you do?

He never knew exactly what he'd do. He knew, unlike most of us try not to, that he couldn't predict the future. He'd just go day by day, he'd say, take it one thing at a time. And he did, hanging in there and staying confident until it passed like so much thunder and so little rain.

When staff meetings erupted into shouting matches, he was the only person in the room calmly pushing for order, again and again, until it returned. When deadlines came and deadlines went without a story on the page, he stayed a gentle, persistent prod of progress. When he sat down near midnight with a blank page of the paper and no finished stories, he'd sigh, shrug it off, and get to work.

Ashlee Freeman, our business manager at the time, posted up her wedding invitation and RSVP slip months ahead of time. Not long after it went up, in dark blue ink, was scribbled in a corner, "RONDRAY will be there!"

Ashlee's invitation, sans RSVP, still hangs on our board. Only now, it also reminds us of who won't be there in person.

When Sept. 11 hit us all like a brick in the face - the first time I showed up to the newsroom to write a story without being called first, simply because I knew one had to be done - Rondray was there, as anxious as the rest of us but the most distant from being outright nervous. His

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By Britton Faucon
Current Sauce staff

"As long as you do what makes you happy that is all that matters," Rondray advised me as we talked about my future with *The Current Sauce*. As an editor and friend, Rondray was able to look at me and see what I could be. I saw myself as a freshman journalism major struggling to keep up with hectic environment often present in the journalism lab. Rondray saw me as a hard worker, a significant writer for the paper, and a future editor.

Often after I completed an article, I was still not satisfied. Despite the deadlines, Rondray encouraged me to change it and inquired about how I would write it differently. "Now," I thought. Rondray encouraged me not to wait until the next issue to make my writing better. In retrospect, he had an uncanny sense that we should not put off to tomorrow what we can achieve today. With his sudden death, he still is teaching me this lesson. He has taught me that life is short. If we have the skills we need to reach our today, then we should not wait until tomorrow to obtain them.

By Neil Ralston
Adviser for The Current Sauce

Rondray smiled all the time. He smiled when he was covering a Demons game. He smiled when he stayed up late Wednesday nights to put the newspaper together. He smiled when his Braves were winning and when they were losing. He smiled when he argued with people about matters big and small. And he even smiled when people tried to get him fired from the newspaper or when they told him he should resign.

Sometimes people saw that smile as arrogance, but it wasn't. Rondray smiled a lot because he was one of those incredible, enviable people who loved what he did. The times when people criticized him for the things he put in the newspaper - or the things he didn't put in - were often tough on him. I know because he and I talked about it a lot. But he didn't let any of that keep

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Cast for NSU theatre summer production announced

Courtesy of the News Bureau

The cast for the NSU Dinner Theatre production of "Little Mary Sunshine" has been announced by director Dr. Jack Wann.

"Little Mary Sunshine," which will run June 14 through June 22 on the stage of the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, is a delightful musical spoof of all the old operettas. The play is complete with noble Forest Rangers instead of the Mounties of Rose Marie, eternally optimistic heroines, stalwart heroes and a whole assortment of stock early vintage musical theatre types.

The show, written by Rick Besoyan, made a star of Eileen Brennan and was called "a devastatingly comic jab at the operettas of the 1920's" and "one of the greatest "sleepers in musical theatre history." It was also one of Off-Broadway's longest running musicals.

"The beauty of the fun, however is that the musical, although satirical, is in its own right, really good," said director Dr. Jack Wann. "This promises to be a charming evening of pure escapism to a more innocent time when good really could triumph and the heroine could pay off the overdue mortgage by selling cookies."

Members of the cast are Heather Conrad of Natchitoches as Little Mary, James Palmer of Mansfield as "Big Jim" Warington, Kerry Lambert of Prarieville as Billy Jester and Robin Rose of Natchitoches as Nancy Twinkle.

The cast also includes Dale Higginbotham of Natchitoches as Oscar Fairfax, Kyle Lemaire of Abbeville as Chief Brown Bear, Kristin Jones of Vero Beach, Fla., as Ernestine, Kelly Airhart of Natchitoches as Mabel, Julia Lambert of Prairieville as Henrietta and Annie Fackler of Lafayette as Fleetfoot and Maud.

Also in the cast are Bro. Michael David Elvestrom of Natchitoches as Yellow Feather and Tex, Kimberly Allen of Natchitoches as Blanche, D'Nea Tyler of Natchitoches as Cora, Bruston Manuel of Kinder of Pete, John Snow of Mansfield as Slim and Wanetah Walmsley of Leesville as Gwendolyn.

Tickets are $16.50 apiece which includes dinner and the show. For more information, call (318) 357-6891.

WHAT'S PLAYING?

A brief look at new movies coming to theaters this week

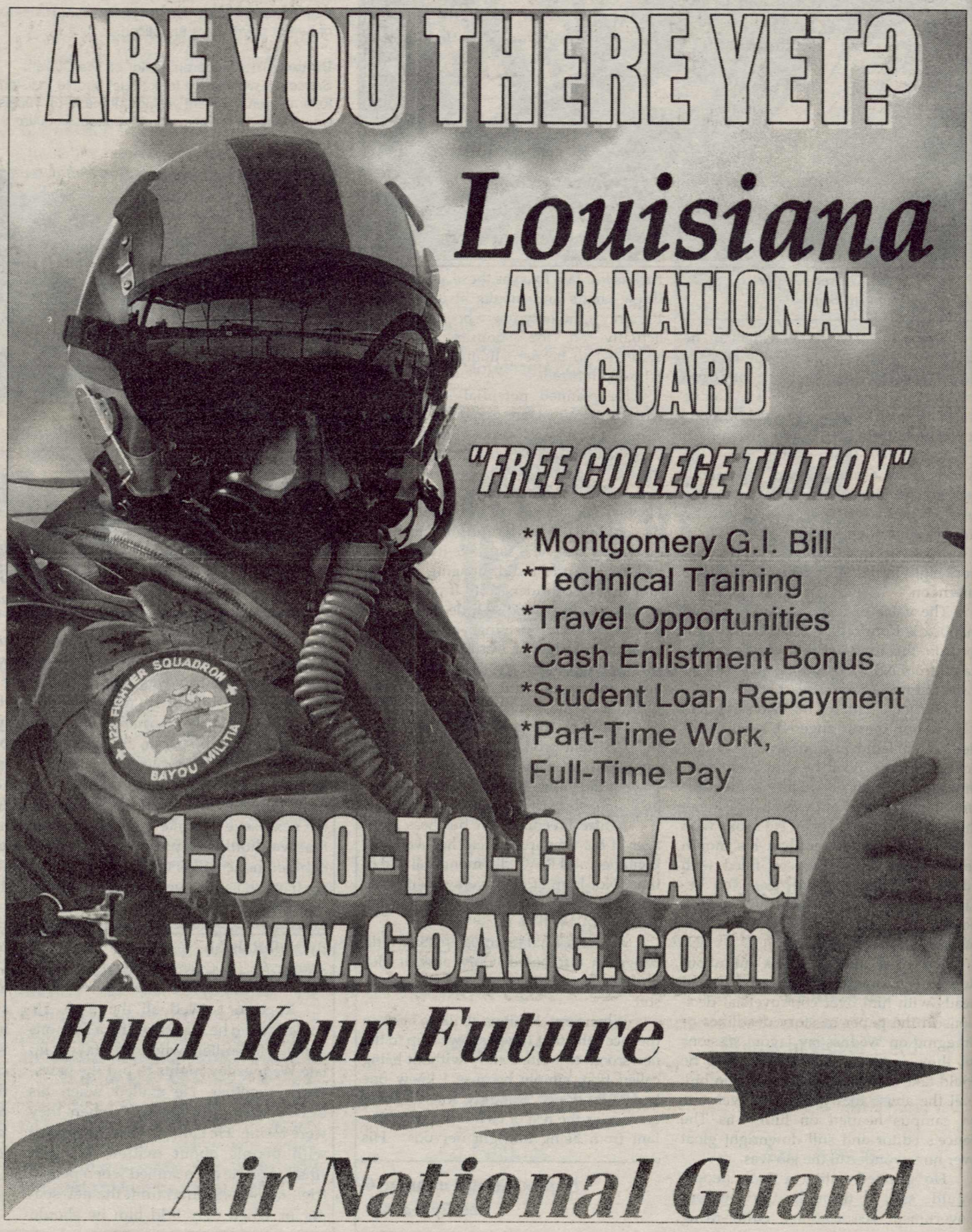
Courtesy of Knight-Ridder Tribune

"THE SUM OF ALL FEARS"

Ben Affleck makes a younger Jack Ryan than Harrison Ford ever could in this Tom Clancy adaptation. Good buzz, but be prepared for scenes of terrorist attacks.

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER"

This spoof of `70s blaxploitation flicks stars Eddie Griffin as a secret agent out to rescue a brainwashed African-American presidential candidate.



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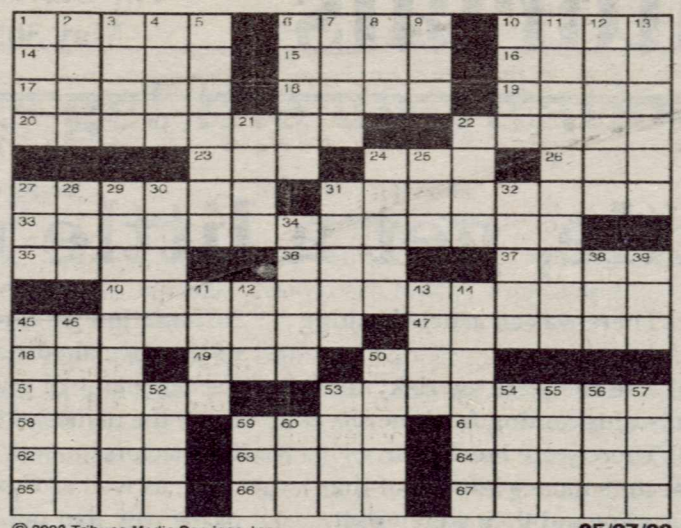

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Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

Let me first of all, remind those of you who did not get it the first time, *The Current Sauce* is under new management. The University should have no problems with me, yet. Give it some time, but there should be nothing held against me and my staff for things that have taken place in the past.

With that said, let me tell you the demon—no pun intended—behind this wonderful editorial.

Let me bring you up to speed on my dilemma. *The Current Sauce* is required to publish and distribute four summer editions of *The Current Sauce*.

This summer we decided to go beyond the call of duty to do something that no other *Sauce* staff has ever done before. *The Current Sauce* staff and adviser decided at the beginning of the summer to go out of our way to print a special fifth edition of *The Current Sauce*, a Freshman Connection edition. After many hours of work, which included writing several articles and selling hundreds of dollars worth of ads, the publication was finished.

Before all of this work Reatha Cox, the director of new student programs and Freshman Connector adviser, was notified of the efforts to print a special edition of *The Current Sauce*. She agreed and even assisted in the production by giving information about Freshman Connection and the Connectors. Cox and her staff also made mention of helping in the distribution of the special edition.

Well, the time has come to assist in the distribution of the special edition *Current Sauce* and Cox has withdrawn her assistance. *The Current Sauce* has witnessed another blunder by a certain staff of the University.

Cox offered three reasons why the special edition *Current Sauce* could not be distributed with the beloved Freshman Connection packets. Here are the reasons:

1) There was an article bashing the University.

2) The ads were too risky for the parents of incoming freshmen.

3) There were Freshman Connectors names left out of the publication and they were upset about that.

Let me counter each of Cox's arguments.

1) There is no article bashing the University. That is a very opinionated statement about our content. In the three years that I have been on *The Current Sauce* staff, this has been the biggest public relation's piece for the University that I have ever seen published. You can read it for yourself if you would like.

2) The ads that Cox was referring to are the same ads that you are seeing in this edition of *The Current Sauce*, with exception of a Natural Mystic ad. Do not let the words *free condoms, tattoos* and *body piercing* frighten you.

3) About the Freshman Connectors, if you recall earlier I told you that Cox assisted in the information gathering of some parts of the special edition. Guess who was in charge of giving *The Current Sauce* the names of the Freshman Connectors?

I, as well as Cox, are both aware of the way that public relations works. She has a journalism degree in public relations and I am currently pursuing one. In public relations we are taught to treat people with respect no matter the age, race, gender or any other factor determining any type of discrimination, for lack of a better word. I am not screaming discrimination, or even censorship, not to worry the SGA.I am only saying respect *The Current Sauce* and we will respect you. Help us help you. That's all that I ask. Maybe we all need to go back and take some classes in public relations to drive home some points that we may have missed (i.e. two-way communication and the chapters on respect).

However, to bring ease to those people who, in the past, have taught me to respect others, I have a VERY GOOD memory. I PROMISE!

Remembering Rondray Hill

By Garrett

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voice, in tone more than words, welcomed me to the newsroom for only the third meeting since starting at The Sauce.

The next time I was about to come up to the office to do a story that I knew had to be done, I called the publications office ahead to see if anyone was even around. The phone rang four times, then that same calm, always-happy-to-see-ya voice that welcomed me on the day of horror - on the day of stories about loved ones speaking posthumously from digital ether - welcomed me again.

"Hi, you've reached the office of student publications at Northwestern State University."

Always ready with information that had to be useful somewhere to someone.

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I knew Rondray was gone. Enough people had told me by then for it to be either the absolutely worst, most despicable joke ever devised if it wasn't the truth.

But I spoke to him, in person, not a full two weeks before, and right then he was still speaking to me on the phone, a voice that every part of my logical brain knew should not still speak.

That's when I realized that regardless of what had happened to Rondray, he really was still there. His voice was still there, not in the recording on the phone but in the recording of my memory: muttering while miserably missing trash baskets with paper wads, laughing as he learns to fast-pitch fake softballs down the office hall, spouting off sports stats while digging his nose into sports web sites, arguing with me over the validity of FOX News, joking about the SGA ninja assassins and Taliban trying to kick him out of the editorship, calling friends in Washington, D.C. on impulse at midnight.

No one that vibrant, that livid, alive, and animated, could just pass away. Rondray had made a mark, even if it was, to me, just a small one on NSU about free speech, which would ensure he'd be remembered. He was on his way to a successful life, an exciting future.

Now I realize that he still is on his way. On a different path in a different place, but still walking, still swinging that wooden stick from the office, still whistling, relaxed, happy to be wherever he is and happy to be doing whatever he's doing.

And the last thing he'd want from us is to think of him and be sad to miss him, because we all still have our own chances to make a mark here. And that moping would just make us miss our deadlines anyway.

By Dr. Ralston

From page 3

him from doing the things he loved, and it didn't keep him from smiling.

I will miss Rondray, his phone calls to my home at night, his eagerness for feedback about the latest issue of the paper and his teasing me about being a Cardinals fan. What I will miss most, though, is the chance to see how much fun and success he would have had in the world outside of Natchitoches. And, I will miss that smile.

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-Chief

Rondray Hill. That name will forever, in my mind, be synonymous with the word *debate*. Rondray would debate anything, by-laws in the SGA's constitution, sports, just about anything.

Rondray and I did not always see eye-to-eye about some things, especially when it came to baseball. Rondray was a huge Braves fan, God forgive him. I could not get through a whole day without hearing Rondray ask, "So Kaleb, what happened to your boys the Astros." Daily I was reminded of how the Astros took a loss the night before.

Rondray was also a man of many impersonations. No one was left unscathed. If you had a voice Rondray could impersonate you. I'll never forget the Halloween that Rondray showed up in the office dressed exactly like Dustin Floyd. The nametag gave his identity away.

I think the thing I'll miss the most about Rondray is the batting practice he and I used to take in the office with "the stick" and paper balls. We broke many newspaper holders and hit many game-winning homeruns. We're going to miss you Rondray, as a friend, pitcher, great debater and mentor.

Demons get the un-vitation

By Brian Duval
Sauce staff

There's an old saying in baseball that, "if you build it, they will come." Well the Demons built another Southland Conference championship team by going 43-17 and the NCAA Baseball Selection Committee did not come calling, again.

The Demons who lost the first game of the Southland Conference baseball tournament 11-0 to Southwest Texas last weekend, came back to win three straight to get to the championship game, which they lost 5-4 in 10 innings to Lamar on Lamar's home-field.

NSU won their second consecutive SLC championship by going 17-10 in conference play, but their RPI was to blame for not getting an at-large bid to an NCAA Regional.

According to Wally Groff, chairman of the NCAA Division I baseball committee, the Demons were "in the mix" at the end, but they were 1-2 against the RPI's top 50 teams.

"What do you say to these guys, I just don't know the words," Demon head coach Mitch Gaspard said.

Gaspard in his first season as the Demons' skipper guided them to their eighth SLC championship in the last 12 years and only two wins shy of the school record. The Demons haven't been to a NCAA Regional since 1994 back when Gaspard was an assistant coach for NSU.

"You look at teams going in that wouldn't play us, and that really hurts," senior third baseman Tyler Durham said. "We played everybody we could. You see some teams rewarded for mediocre seasons and it's hard to take."

Another example, the Washington Huskies went 30-25 this season and finished with an RPI of 79. The NCAA gave Washington a NCAA at-large invitation based on the fact that they play in the Pac-10, and where place in the Rice University regional. Now I'm sorry folks, let's help the NCAA on their math.

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The Demon men's outdoor track team took home the SLC outdoor championship this season.

Demon track and field has award winning season

Courtesy of Sports Information

The Northwestern State University Demon Track and Field team ended the spring semester with a slew of honors.

Starting with the SLC Outdoor Track and Field Championship, the men held off Southwest Texas State to win the Southland Conference outdoor men's title for the second time in four years.

Despite not winning a single event at the competition the Demons scored heavily in its traditional strongholds, the horizontal jumps and the throws. Northwestern scored in 16 of their 17 events leaving the final score between NSU and SWT at 126-121.

Coach Leon Johnson described the win as a "complete team effort" with "everybody pulling their weight."

After guiding the men to their eighth championship since 1993, Johnson was voted SLC men's outdoor coach of the year. Johnson has also steered NSU to SLC Indoor crowns in 1993, 1994, 1998 and 2001, along with winning outdoor titles in 1993, 1999 and this year.

Kenta Bell, a former Demon All-American who has the world's longest triple this year, said Johnson helped him "grow into a man."

The last honor bestowed upon the track team involves the Lady Demon and the 2002 NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships at Louisiana State University's Bernie Moore Stadium.

Senior Camille Pouncy and sophomore Brittany Littlejohn compete this evening for Northwestern State in preliminary heats hoping to advance to semifinal races Friday night. A third Lady Demon, sophomore Stephanie Sowell competes Saturday night in her specialty, the triple jump.

"We're excited about the opportunity to have our first Lady Demon All-American," women's head coach Dean Johnson said. "All of our three qualifiers could do it. There's no question that Stephanie appears to have the best chance, but Camille and Brittany are very capable as well.

Three Demons join QUEST tour

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Three former Northwestern State basketball players are in China this summer playing exhibition games with QUEST basketball.

Alann Polk, Chris Thompson and Joshua Hancock will compete against a Russian professional team on a basketball tour taking them through eight cities in China. The Houston based QUEST exhibition team depart ed for Shanghai on May 19 and begin playing Russian professional teams on May 23.

The eight-city tour is designed to promote international goodwill through basketball and provide players with exposure to international professional leagues. The team will play nine games while in China from May 20 to June 5, 2002.

The QUEST basketball program, associated with To God Be The Glory, Inc., is an organization designed to increase the spiritual, mental and physical fitness through athletics.

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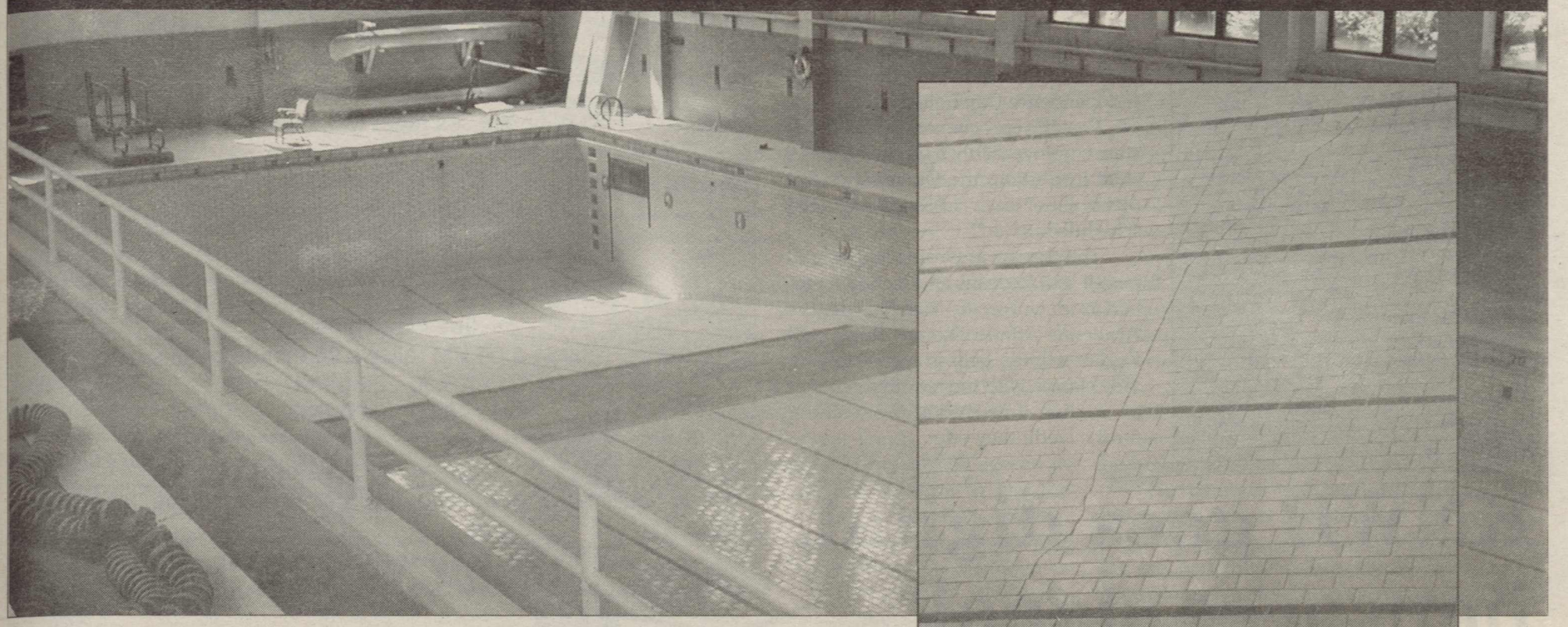

Tiles cracked at the Nat

- Nesom Natatorium to be closed until fall for repairs; RecPlex pool to substitute for students until then

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

A minor renovation of Nesom Natatorium has become a major undertaking after tiles from the bottom of the pool floated up after the pool was drained.

Cindy Davis, aquatics director for the University's health and human performance department, said the planned three-week renovations to the natatorium's ventilation system, meant to remove insulation and increase airflow, must now be expanded to include repairs to the pool tiles.

"I'm not going to be holding lessons in the (natatorium's) pool this summer," Davis said.

Davis said the tiles would be cemented today, with the curing process probably delaying the natatorium's reopening until the start of the fall semester at the latest.

"I think all of this work could have been completed in the three- or four-week span, but we have to do that right," Davis said. "We have to make sure we know what we're doing... because we don't want a repeat."

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Cindy Davis
Aquatics director and instructor

The natatorium's pool, built in 1939, has seen little need for renovation since its inception. Davis said the only major change to the pool itself was the addition of steps at the shallow end during the 1980s to accommodate the physically disabled.

In addition to the tile repairs and insulation removal, University workers are upgrading several rooms and offices in the building, including changing rooms and bathrooms, as well as classrooms that have not been used for several years.

Davis said the upgrades will significantly improve the quality of her swimming and CPR classes. She said she now has to teach the classes in her own office.

In the meantime, Davis said she would continue to hold her swimming lessons in the Recreational Complex's pool, which is also open to students and the public six days a week.

Alternatives to the Natatorium

Recreational Complex pool	
Tuesday-Friday	1 PM - 7 PM
Saturday	11 AM - 7 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 6 PM

(Free with spring/summer 2002 ID, $4 per person for general public)

City pool	401 Amulet Street
Monday-Friday	1 PM - 3 PM
	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Saturdays	1 PM - 5 PM

Closed Sundays.

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NSU extends summer classes

By *Sauce* staff

Ten extra minutes have been added to many classes falling in the last half of the summer semester to make up for Governor Mike Foster's one-day extension of the July 4 Independence Day holiday.

Foster's proclamation gives all state employees July 5 off. As NSU is a state institution, the University's faculty will not teach classes as originally scheduled.

The change, according to a June 13 e-mail sent to deans and faculty members from University Vice President of Academic Affairs Thomas Burns and Registrar Lillie Bell, is meant to provide classes with the required amount of meeting time during the semester for the credit they offer.

New Summer Schedule

Third three-week session:
Classes meet every day at 9:10 PM

Eight-week session:
3-hour classes meet two times per week

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5:30 - 8:30 PM
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday/Thursday
5:00 - 8:00 PM (allows 20 minute break)
5:30 - 8:30 PM
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Nine-week session:
Three-hour classes meet two days per week for 2 hrs. 25 minutes

4 1/2-week session:
Three-hour classes meet five days per week for 1 hr. 55 minutes

KNWD goes digital, improves signal

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

No longer will you hear static from your radio dial on 91.7 FM KNWD, because The Demon has gone digital.

Roy Davis, operations technician, and Tracy Brown, head of telecommunications, found new equipment to properly transmit signals from the station located in Kyser Hall, to the top of Turpin Stadium, and then to KNWD's listening area.

The equipment needed to make KNWD a digital radio station included a digital processor, an audio console and a new transmitter. After installing and testing the equipment on June 3, KNWD began broadcasting virtually noise free.

"It took plenty of research and hard work getting it here online," Davis said about the processor and transmitter. "Now that it is here, it was worth all the work."

According to the National Association of Broadcasters, the new transmitter is the best among various others. It replaced the station's old transmitter, which was more than 30 years old. The new equipment is a new digital way to communicate from the station to the stadium.

KNWD also has a new general manager, public relations major Julie "Jules" Pitts, and a new management staff.

Photo by Kaleb Breaux
New 91.7 FM KNWD manager Julie Pitts sits at a studio microphone. The campus radio station recently upgraded its transmitting system.

"We are very excited about going back on air," Pitts said. "We plan on being a lot more involved on campus and in the community."

The station is currently in the process of changing the variety of music and the communication between the station and the public.

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Names changing across town

Dept. of Industrial and Engineering Technology shortens title, changes course names

By *Sauce* staff

Another university institution name change has altered the degrees graduates receive and the way students register for classes.

The new department of engineering technology, formerly the department of industrial and engineering technology, consists of the same classes and faculty, making the name change mostly cosmetic.

Still, there are new conventions for students to follow.

The bachelor of science in industrial engineering technology replaces the former B.S. in industrial technology. Also, courses in the summer and fall schedules that were listed under IT and ET now begin with IET and EET, respectively, with the same course number.

Call numbers for on-line and telephone registration of these classes have also been changed.

Natchitoches wins state road improvement funds to rename College Avenue to University Parkway

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The City of Natchitoches was recently awarded a grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The funds are part of the department's Teal 21 Enhancement Funding Program.

After much competition with other cities and organizations throughout the state, the city of Natchitoches is the first to receive the Teal 21 Enhancement Funds.

The Natchitoches City Council agreed in their May 28 meeting to use the funding to rename a portion of state Highway 6 and College Avenue to University Parkway. The City Council believes that the roadway should be renamed University Parkway in honor of Northwestern State University.

The name change will begin where College Avenue ends the four-lane division of traffic in front of the Natchitoches Education Center. It will continue to state Highway 6, near Brookshire's Food Store, and exit the city limits past Interstate 49.

A formal landscape and sign will be placed to welcome travelers into Natchitoches.

"I feel this is a unique idea, and it is important have sign to welcome travelers to NSU," city councilman Lee Posey said.

The final step in the renaming process is to change the appropriate addresses along the highway.

"The changes will be done with the 911 emergency system and the fire department, which assigns the address numbers," Randy LaCaze, Natchitoches' director of community development, said. "Each address change is done manually in the system."

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NSU Theatre production of 'Little Mary Sunshine' simply resistible

Opinion by Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

"A simple Colorado saga" was the opening line of NSU's summer theatre production of "Little Mary Sunshine". Simple is by far not the best way to describe this production. With a beautiful set and unique music, especially the orchestra dressed in 'coonskin hats, the play was quite interesting, but, not interesting enough.

The play begins with a long-winded Act 1. Little Mary Sunshine, played by Heather Conrad, who is not at all little (young), has been raised by Indians most of her life. She falls in love with Captain "Big Jim" Warrington, who is a forest ranger, played by James Palmer. Warrington is in search of the deceased Indian named Yellow Feather. Yellow Feather, played by Michael David Elvestron, was supposed to be dead after saving Little Mary Sunshine from drowning. Now he's back to have his way with Little Mary Sunshine. Keep in mind; it took two hours to get through this major plot.

In the midst of this, Captain Warrington's men enjoy the company of the ladies from Eastchester Finishing School. These ladies live with Little Mary Sunshine with their "Rich and oh so pretty" lifestyle. These ladies bring a new meaning to the word whorehouse.

There were some actors who performed exceptionally well, but they seemed very out of place. Chief Brown Bear's remarkable introduction at the beginning and throughout the play is a good example. This character was hilarious, especially playing the drums during the duet between Mary and Captain Warrington, but his character still could have been left out.

The savory sounds of Kristin Jones, who played Madam Ernestine Von Liebedich, best friend to Little Mary Sunshine, was quite soothing to the ear, but what the hell was her real purpose in the play? After all the singing and dancing was over in Act 1, you already knew that everyone was going to live happily ever after without Yellow Feather.

"Little Mary Sunshine" is one play that does not pass by expediently, but is very musical (with some good music). So, if you are looking for a good wanna-be Broadway show, this might not be the one for you. Rating is two and a half stars and a book on how to act in a musical.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
NSU's theatre production of "Little Mary Sunshine" runs until Saturday.

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Local events calendar

An unofficial list of upcoming events

NSU Summer Dinner Theatre

The NSU Summer Dinner Theatre will have its last three productions of "Little Mary Sunshine" starting today and running through Saturday. The play will be held in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Tickets are $16.50 each, which includes dinner and a show. Diner begins at 6 p.m.

For ticket information call (318) 357-6891.

July 4th fireworks display

The city of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring "Celebration on the Cane" on July 4. There will be live entertainment and fireworks on Front St. in Natchitoches.

The 23rd annual Natchitoches/Northwestern Folk Festival

The 23rd annual Natchitoches/Northwestern Folk Festival will honor America's military on July 19 through July 20 in Prather Coliseum.

The events will begin on Friday, July 19, at noon. The Festival is a two-day event that will feature music, arts and crafts, food exhibits, military equipment and memorabilia, as well as, narrative sessions focusing on aspects of the military.

A two-day all event pass will sell for $12 for adults and $5 for children ages 7-12. The all event passes must be purchased prior to the start of the Festival. Tickets for individual days are $7 for adults and $3 for children. Evening passes are, which can be purchased after 6 p.m. are $5 for adults and $3 for children.

For more information call (318) 357-4332, e-mail folklife@nsula.edu or go to www.nsula.edu/folklife.

Singleton returns to Big 12 conference

Courtesy of Sports Information

After steering Northwestern State to the NCAA Tournament and 20 school records in two seasons as the Demon softball coach, Ty Singleton was named last Tuesday morning as the new head coach at the University of Missouri.

Singleton, 31, was introduced by Missouri director of athletics Mike Alden, former AD at Southwest Texas State, during a press conference last Tuesday morning in Columbia, Mo.

The job returns Singleton to the Big 12 Conference, where he served as an assistant from 1998-2000 at the University of Texas prior to succeeding Gay McNutt as the Northwestern head coach. Singleton posted a 75-45 record in two seasons with the Demons as 13 players won All-Southland Conference honors, including 2002 Player of the Year and Hitter of the Year Annie Johnston and 2002 Freshman of the Year Nicole Martin.

Singleton

Northwestern posted six wins over nationally-ranked teams under Singleton, and also beat Florida twice and Houston once in a 45-25 season this year.

The Demons went 37-16 in SLC play for Singleton and went 62-30 in their last 92 games, finishing his first season with 17 victories in the last 22 games.

"It's a great opportunity for Ty to become head coach at a Big 12 Conference program and we're happy for him," Northwestern director of athletics Greg Burke said. "He led us back into NCAA Tournament competition this year and has recruited well, including bringing in the conference freshman of the year this season."

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> **Greg Burke**
> **Athletic director, NSU**

Northwestern ranked in the top 10 nationally in stolen bases in each of the past two years. Johnston, a first-team Verizon Academic All-American, was third nationally with 48 steals and Martin eighth in the country with 44, making NSU the only program to rank two players in the nation's top 10.

The Demon pitching staff also ranked 23rd nationally with a 1.41 earned run average. The Demons broke eight team and eight individual school records this year, including season marks for steals (185), hits (529), triples (21), home runs (40), pitching shutouts (24) and strikeouts (483).

Career records for stolen bases, home runs, RBI, and fielding percentage, along with strikeouts by a pitcher, were broken during Singleton's two seasons at NSU.

NSU won 16 straight games against SLC foes until a 4-0 loss to SWT in the SLC Tournament, but the Demons snapped back with three straight wins, two over the Bobcats, to capture the conference tourney title.

Singleton inherited a Northwestern program that had won three straight SLC titles and made NCAA Regional trips in two of the three previous years, but his first team was lacking four of the top six hitters and the 1999 SLC Pitcher of the Year. With the late rush, the 2001 Demons finished 30-20 and were one win away from an NCAA Tournament appearance.

`"One of the tougher challenges in coaching is to pick up the reigns of a successful program and keep it achieving at a high level," Burke said. "Ty did that here."

Goodwin just can't stay away

By *Sauce* staff

Sam Goodwin, a.k.a. the winningest coach in the Southland Conference, might be making a return to coaching and to Division I-AA football.

Goodwin, the current Henderson State University athletics director, along with three other contenders, is in the running for the head football coaching position at Southeastern Louisiana University. The other coaches are San Jose State offensive coordinator Norm Joseph, St. Charles Catholic head coach and former Tulane assistant Frank Monica, and former LSU quarterback Steve Ensminger.

Goodwin

All men will be brought in for on-campus interviews beginning this week.

Goodwin has only been the athletic director at Henderson, his alma mater, for two years, but it seems that the opportunity to return to the sideline may not be something this coach benches just yet.

"It's just I've had a couple of years away from it, and I feel like I'm a football coach. This is what I'm supposed to do," Goodwin said as reported by the *Daily Star*.

The Southeastern football program has had a 17-year absence from the arena of collegiate football. They are beginning a program from scratch that could benefit from the experience Goodwin possesses.

"You had to build the program on guys you could predict would develop once they got there," said Goodwin, as reported by the *Daily Star*. "I can pick those guys (that LSU gets), but finding the ones after they've taken who they want..."

At Northwestern Goodwin coached for 17 seasons and won more games (102-88-3) as a head coach in the SLC than anyone else in league history. Goodwin's teams won four conference titles and earned three division I-AA playoff berths.

Southeastern will join the Southland Conference in the 2005 season, but will begin cutting its teeth playing as Division I-AA independent in 2003.

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D'or Fischer makes the move to West Virginia

By *Sauce* Staff

At his request, D'or Fischer has been granted release papers from the Northwestern basketball team.

Fischer, a Philadelphia native, has thought about leaving Northwestern over a period of time. This thought is now a reality.

His new court will be housed at the University of West Virginia. He is rumored to have signed Wednesday with West Virginia, but cannot suit up for a year due to an NCAA ruling on transfer players.

While at Northwestern Fischer, (6'11", 220), was a standout center for the Demons. Last season, he averaged 4.2 blocks, 10 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

The Northwestern basketball program isn't too worried about the loss of their big center. They remain optimistic with three guys they feel will be able to keep up the level of play in the middle. And, as Coach McConathy has been reported to say, "there isn't one player that makes a team or makes a season."

Durham, King, Hanson, Slanina and Makowsky go to the Majors

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State senior third baseman Tyler Durham and incoming Demon freshman pitcher Cory Keener of Minden were chosen Wednesday on the second and final day of the 2002 Major League Baseball draft.

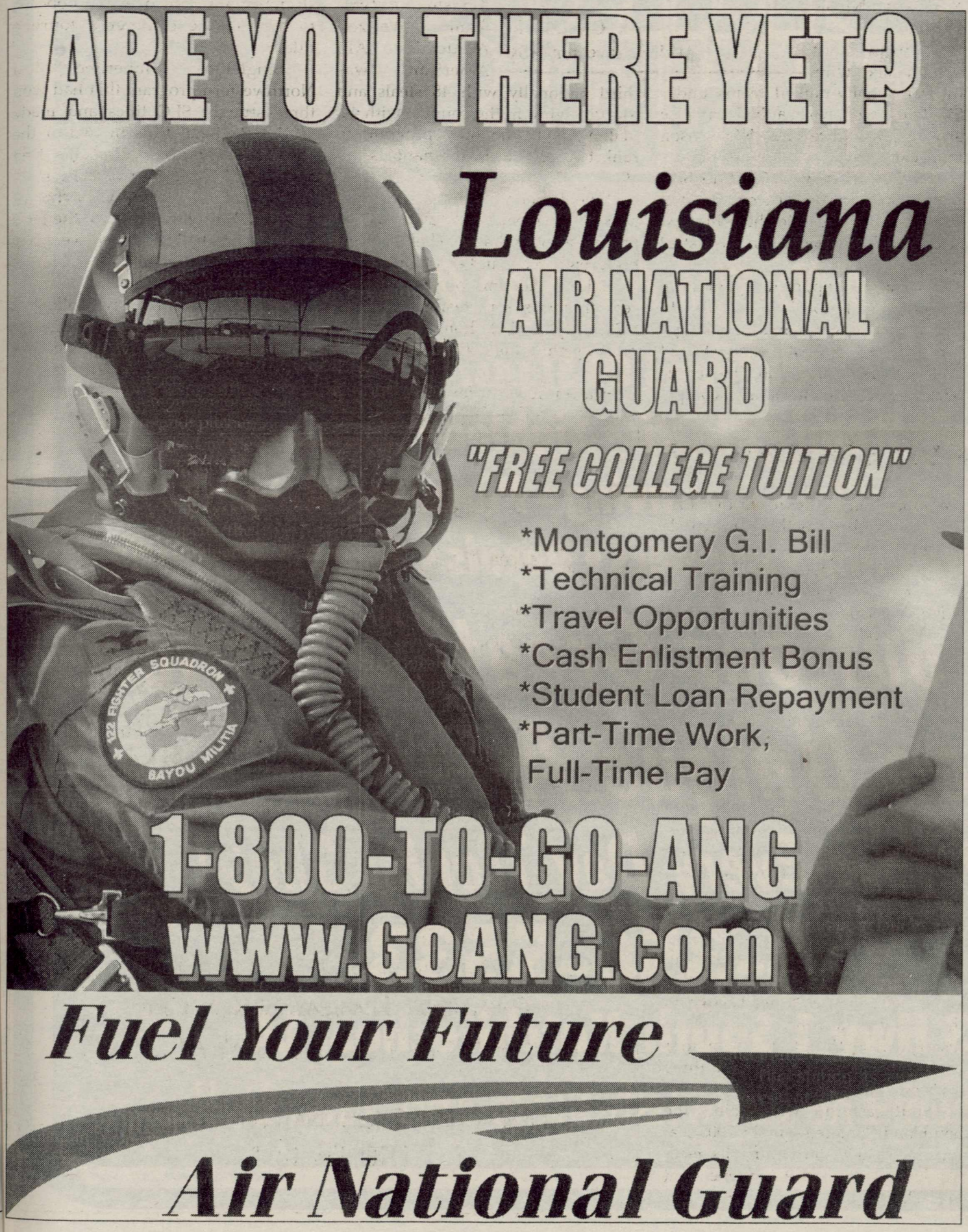
Keener went to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the 32nd round. Durham was chosen by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round.

Two other Demon seniors, pitchers O.J. King and Carl Makowsky, were picked Tuesday. King went in the eighth round to Cincinnati and Makowsky was chosen by Baltimore 10 rounds later, giving NSU eight pitchers selected in the MLB draft since 1998, including San Diego Padres right-hander Brian Lawrence.

Another pair of Demon seniors, outfielder Brad Hanson and pitcher Jason Slanina, were not picked in the draft but could receive free agent contracts.

Durham, King, Makowsky, Hanson and Slanina helped the Demons go 81-34 with two Southland Conference championships in the past two years.

Keener, an all-state pick and the Shreveport Times All-Area Player of the Year, signed with the Demons in November. Another Demon signee, first baseman Ross Michelsen of Arlington (Texas)-Lamar, was chosen in the seventh round of the MLB Draft Tuesday by the New York Yankees.



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State to audit grant program

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

The Louisiana State Auditor's office has confirmed an inquiry into the administration of a NSU grant program.

On Tuesday *The Natchitoches Times* reported that two University professors were on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigation.

Dan Kyle, the legislative auditor for the state of Louisiana, confirmed the allegations yesterday.

Kyle did not release the names of the accused parties. University administrators were not available for comment at press time.

"We (the state auditors) will work closely with the University's administration during the audit," Kyle said. "This is not an unusual occurrence."

Kyle said it would be at least two weeks before state auditors will arrive at the University to begin their audit. After the audit begins, it will be a minimum of seven weeks before the report is completed and becomes public information.

Kyle reported that University president Randall Webb has turned over all references regarding the allegations to the auditor's office.

Kyle said the auditing process begins with fieldwork by the auditors. They will conduct interviews, talking to everyone involved in the audit. The state legislative auditor's office will then draft a report and both the auditors and the University will review the process.

Finally, the audit report will become public record. The audit report will be posted as public information on the state auditor's website at www.lla.state.la.us.

Alumnus wins Miss Louisiana pageant

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

2001 NSU graduate Casey Crowder won the Miss Louisiana title at the June 15 state pageant in Monroe.

Crowder will compete in this year's Miss America Pageant, scheduled for Sept. 21 at Atlantic City, N.J.

Crowder

Crowder earned a degree in business administration from NSU and is pursuing a masters of business administration from the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Crowder competed six times for the Miss Louisiana title before winning this summer.

"I'm a competitive person," Crowder said when describing her motivation to continue year after year. "I never wanted to look back and wonder if I could have won, because I had been close so many times."

Crowder won her first title, Little Miss Potlicker, when she was eight years old. She said she couldn't count how many times she has competed in pageants before.

"I have no idea, not an inkling," she said.

This year's contest won't be Crowder's first encounter with the Miss America Pageant. She watched it in person four years ago.

"It was unreal," she recounted. "The stage is huge, and there are thousands of people."

Crowder said the effort it took to reach the Miss America pageant is the root of her competition anxiety.

"Being in a place I've worked so

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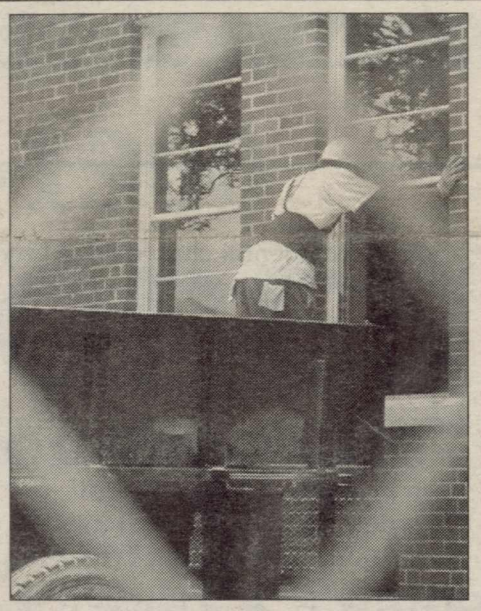

Morrison, FACS renovations begin

A contract worker helps clear out the Family and Consumer Sciences building Wednesday. The long-delayed renovations to the FACS building and Louisiana Scholars' College's Morrison Hall, originally scheduled to begin last September, started June 25 as workers erected a fence around the two buildings and began work inside. While architectural firm Coco and Company's original timetable said renovations would take 18 months, Scholars' College department head Margaret Cochran said in an Internet forum post that the renovations may be completed within 10 months.

Photo by Kaleb Breaux

NSU names new Financial Aid head

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

Misti Chelette has been named director of student financial aid at NSU.

Chelette has worked in NSU's Financial Aid Office for more than two years. She worked as a loan officer and assistant director for compliance and operations.

As director, Chelette will supervise financial aid staff and administer all federal, state and institutional policies and procedures related to student financial aid.

Chelette

Chelette, a graduate of Pineville High School, received a bachelor's of general studies and a master's of education in adult education from NSU.

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The NSU Lady Demon softball team named a new headcoach this week.

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Donor establishes $1 million chair in business

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

The NSU Foundation has received a pledge to create the first endowed chair in NSU's college of business.

The Charles E. Ragus and Family Endowed Chair in Business will be created with a donation of $400,000 from Peggy Ragus and her family, Debbie and Buddy Cook, Stacey and Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky and Jenni and Dalton McGaha. The gift will be matched with $600,000 from the Board of Regents Support Fund to set up a $1,000,000 endowed chair.

Charles E. Ragus was a 1965 NSU graduate and was a member of the football team. He is the founder of AdvoCare, a leading nutritional supplement company. Ragus died in 2001.

"Charlie and I were close friends, and I admired him tremendously, both when I knew him here as a student and during later years, when he became such an outstanding role model as CEO of AdvoCare," said NSU President Randall Webb. "He knew how to motivate people and extract from them the very best they have to offer. I firmly believe that his success in the business world stemmed largely from the fact that he was such a fine person and friend and that he expected a lot from himself as well.

"As successful as Charlie was, he didn't do it alone," Webb said. "He was blessed with a wonderful supportive wife in Peggy, and their relationship was enhanced because of their outstanding daughters."

Ragus previously made a $100,000 donation to the NSU Athletic Association.

"Charlie was a man with a huge heart and loved giving to others," said his widow Peggy Ragus.

According to NSU Dean of Business Joel Worley, the gift will have a major impact on NSU's college of business.

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Crowder

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hard at is nerve-racking," Crowder said.

Crowder and the 49 other contestants will rehearse two weeks for the nationally-televised Atlantic City pageant.

Each woman competes in interview, evening gown, swimsuit and talent categories. The contestants also support a platform, which is a set of principles they advocate during their reigning year as Miss America or their respective states.

Crowder's platform has focused on mental health awareness for the last five years. In 1997, Crowder's father died of Alzheimer's disease, a form of dementia characterized by progressive memory loss and mental deterioration.

"I saw a need for someone to promote mental health awareness," Crowder said.

The pageant experience has been positive and negative for Crowder. She had times of intense frustration but maintained her confidence to repeatedly participate.

"Getting ready to compete is a lot of work and it's very time consuming," Crowder said. "I think you have to be a strong person and be able to take constant criticism."

Crowder said several years of serious competition have prepared her for professional job interviews and taught her to be comfortable with speaking to large crowds.

While attending NSU, Crowder was a Dean's List student and a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, Purple Jackets, Order of Omega, Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line and the Student Government Association.

Q & A with Miss LA

With Callie Reames and Miss Louisiana Casey Crowder

Q: What's your favorite food?
A: Pizza.

Q: How many times have you been to Disney World?
A: Once.

Q: Did you like Vic's or Iberville better?
A: Vic's.

Q: Did you experience parking problems at NSU?
A: Absolutely.

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The Vanilla Coke Challenge

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-Chief

Earlier this summer, Coca Cola unveiled a new taste. That taste, Coke's new sweet nectar, is the infamous Vanilla Coke. Do not be misled by the colors of Vanilla Coke's bottle, for it is very similar to that of the original Coke. The difference lies inside, within the taste.

The Current Sauce wanted to know how you, the students, felt about the strange new flavor, so we did a taste test. We asked 14 college and high school students to sample the Vanilla Coke.

After sampling the Vanilla Coke, the students were asked to fill out a survey. The survey asked for their comments about the taste of the Vanilla Coke. Below are the responses to the taste test of the Vanilla Coke.

Savoring the Flavor

- 92.8% of those surveyed liked the taste of Vanilla Coke.
- 78.5% of those surveyed preferred the taste of Vanilla Coke over the taste of Natchitoches' water.
- One out of 14 of those surveyed had accidentally purchased a Vanilla Coke.

"I like it because I cannot taste the Coke."
Ranada White
Elementary education major

"I love vanilla ice cream, so I think I'll buy it."
Gironna Gabriel
Radiological technology major

"I think it is ok."
Tykesia Prier
Psychology major

"I don't really like vanilla at all, but I still like Coke."
Charmaine Owens
Biology major

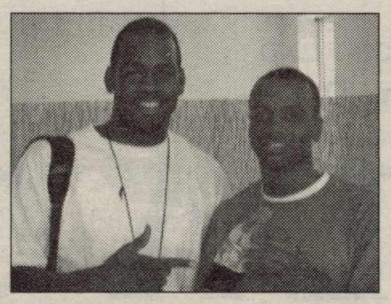
"Tastes like pop to me!"
Tenille Fogel
Health & exercise science major.

"I thought that the taste was different. I am not sure if the taste would get old after a short period however."
Greg Comeaux
History major

"It reminded me of the taste of the Coke in a Coke float."
Jennifer Jensen
Liberal arts major

"It tasted good."
Chris Odinet

"Yes, I like Vanilla Coke because I like Coke and vanilla, so the two combined are awesome. But, just one thing; I think that they need to make the vanilla taste a little stronger."
Arthur Fields
Accounting major



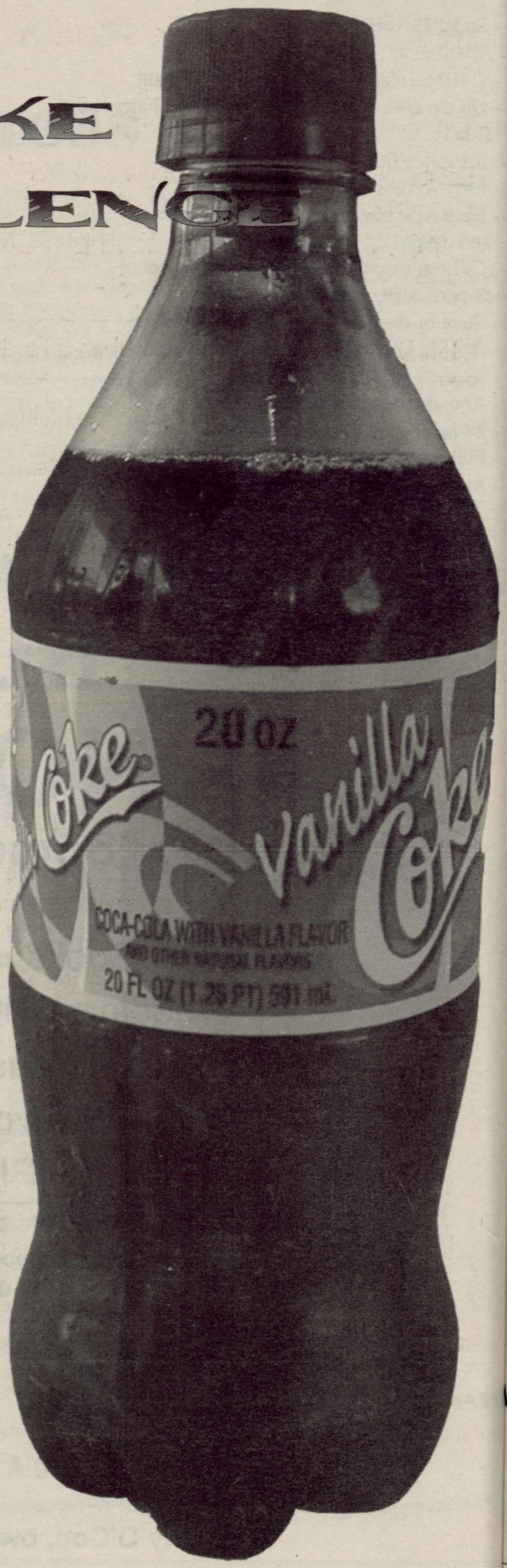
"It's cool."
Byron Allen (left)

Tyronn Mitchell (right) liked the taste.

"It was similar to Coke with a different aftertaste."
Jonny Fitzjarrell
"Sorta" likes the taste of Vanilla Coke.

"It was good, a little too sweet."
Brandon Lobell

"I like vanilla flavor."
Philip Staines



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Demon sports are ranked 35th in NCAA winning percentage

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State has one of the winningest athletic programs among the nation's NCAA Division I institutions, according to a recent study by U.S. News & World Report.

The magazine, in a comprehensive review of intercollegiate athletics, found Northwestern State ranked 35th in winning percentage among the country's 321 NCAA Division I universities during the 2000-01 academic year. The survey showed Northwestern won 62.2 percent of its games in all men's and women's "school-to-school" contests such as football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball.

LSU, with a 66.7 percent winning rate, was the only state institution to rank higher in the U.S. News & World Report study. LSU ranked 12th nationally in winning percentage with Nebraska's 73.7 percent figure leading the nation.

Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern fans cheering on their Demons.

Northwestern ranked as the nation's fifth most-successful Division I-AA athletic program in the survey, trailing only James Madison (65.8 percent), Southwest Texas State (64.8), Tennessee-Chattanooga (64.5) and Montana (62.6).

"This high national ranking is a great reflection of the job our coaches do, and the superior performance of our athletic program across the board," George Etheredge, president of the Northwestern Athletic Association, said. "Our athletic director (Greg Burke) provides a very positive foundation for each sport to succeed and the coaches, student-athletes, and support personnel maximize the resources to give us a lot to cheer about."

Among other Louisiana institutions winning at least 50 percent of their team sports' head-to-head competitions governed by a scoreboard, Tulane was third (60.8), followed by Southern (54.4), Louisiana-Lafayette (53.4), Grambling (52.4), Louisiana Tech (52.1) and UNO (52.0), according to the magazine.

"This survey is very gratifying," Burke said. "The good news is that winning percentage wasn't a flash in the pan. We won more than 59 percent of our games in those sports this season, and that doesn't factor in the conference championship we won in men's track and field."

The 2000-01 athletic year at NSU featured a 20-win season by the Lady Demon basketball team, the 19-1 NCAA Tournament campaign by the Demon basketball team, a 38-17 showing from the NSU baseball squad, and a 15-8 women's soccer record that ended with an NCAA Tournament berth. The Demon football team posted a 6-5 record and the softball team went 30-23.

Schmidt takes over reins as NSU's new softball coach

Courtesy of Sports Information

Eileen Schmidt, an All-American catcher at Virginia who became a highly successful assistant coach at South Carolina and Arkansas, was named Tuesday as the new head softball coach at Northwestern State.

Schmidt

Schmidt, who has helped Arkansas create and build its softball program during the past six years, takes over a Northwestern program that has made three NCAA Tournament appearances in the past five seasons. She succeeds Ty Singleton, who was named head coach at Missouri last month.

"I'm really excited," Schmidt said. "Northwestern is a proven commodity, not only in softball but across the board in athletics, as an excellent opportunity for a young coach. The administration, being as supportive as it is, sets the tone and the community support and the fellowship among the athletic department is first rate."

The appointment of Schmidt is contingent upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana system. Her hiring was announced by Northwestern's director of athletics, Greg Burke, capping a three-week search for a new head coach.

Schmidt, a finalist for the 1996 USA Olympic softball team, was the 1993 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year. A three-time All-ACC pick at Virginia, she went into coaching in 1994 at South Carolina, helping USC to a pair of 50-win seasons.

Fellow USC assistant Carie Dever-Boaz was tapped in 1995 to launch the softball program at Arkansas and hired Schmidt as her assistant. In their third season, they led the Lady 'Backs to a 46-29 record in 2000, followed by a 44-31 mark in 2001 and an NCAA Tournament trip, and a 36-30 mark this past season.

"There's winning tradition in softball at Northwestern going back for years and years. It's not been one coach, or one recruiting class. I'm proud to embrace that tradition and want our former players to have pride in what we're doing and be involved with us," Schmidt said.

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SLU gets new football coach; it's not Goodwin

Courtesy of SLU Atheletics

Southeastern Louisiana University officials announced today that Hal Mumme has been named head football coach. The hiring was approved earlier in the day by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana system. Mumme, who was most recently head coach at the University of Kentucky, becomes the Lions' first football coach since the program was discontinued due to budget cuts following the 1985 season. The school, whose 15 current sports compete in the Southland Conference, will resume play as a I-AA Independent in 2003 before joining the SLC in 2005.

"I'm excited about becoming a part of the Southeastern family," Mumme said. "It's a great opportunity for us and I look forward to the challenge of rebuilding the great tradition of Lions football. I'm certain with support from the community, faculty, administration, staff and students, we will be successful."

Football movies, pork rinds, and beer

Opinion by Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Football is one of America's bloodiest and toughest athletic endeavors, normally leaving veterans of the sport a limping scarred version of their once virile self. But for such a violent and sometimes senseless endeavor there sure are a lot of movies made about football.

Covering all the age ranges for moviegoers, football makes for a very entertaining flick. One of the first football movies was "The Freshman" (1925) a silent film about an unathletic college student trying to make the football team. The theme of this movie greatly resembles another movie made in 1993 entitled "Rudy".

Now right here is where I upset some people-most probably football players-but "Rudy" is a moronic tale of a perpetual loser. How this is contrived by some to be inspirational is beyond me. The guy spends his entire career as a breathing tackle dummy, makes one play in a game that's already won, and he is frickin' folk hero. Sorry, don't think so.

If you are thirsting for a real folk hero in a film about football look no farther than "The Longest Yard" (1974). Starring Burt Reynolds. "The Longest Yard" is the story of a pro-quarterback in prison striking back at the powers that be. The powers in this case is a corrupt warden who wants Reynolds to help his team of prison guardsmen win a championship, but Burt sides with his fellow inmates and beats the guards at their own game.

Reynolds struggles against the force that all fight in their everyday life, The Man. And what makes it even better-Reynolds wins. He beats The Man and his machine, although, causing himself a possible extended prison sentence.

"The Longest Yard" is better than "Rudy" for many reasons, but mainly because someone actually wins in the "Yard". Nothing is ever accomplished in "Rudy" except a whole lot of blubbering, but for anyone who has ever dealt with a corrupted warden in the penal system "The Longest Yard" speaks volumes.

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SGA, Cosby keep busy for summer

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

SGA President Stacie Cosby hasn't had the luxury of a relaxing summer vacation.

"It's been a really busy summer because (SGA Vice President) Jen (Jensen) and I have basically been the only ones in the office, so a lot of the stuff I'm just having to do myself," Cosby said.

Still, that has not stopped her and the SGA members that stayed in Natchitoches for the summer from taking care of business.

Cosby, Jensen, Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux and a few senators have kept busy by examining student technology needs, sorting out senate committees, keeping an eye on renovations to the Intramural Building and working with the administration to iron out student-faculty relations.

"I want there to be more of a relationship between the students and the administration," Cosby said. "I don't want it to always be a battle."

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> SGA President

Cosby said she has met with all of the University's vice presidents over the last two weeks, trying to keep communication open because "there's been too much head butting, too much stubbornness in the past."

Cosby said she has also focused on finding areas in student technology that need updating.

Part of that focus has been laying down the groundwork for implementing the one-card system.

The system would allow students to use a single card to pay for all facets of student life, including cafeteria meals, vending machines, purchases from the campus bookstore and local merchants.

Jensen and Comeaux have been working on filling SGA committees with new appointees. With a senate filled with first-time members, Cosby said the experienced members of the senate will have to work very hard to make sure the new senators know how to write legislation and perform their duties properly.

"I'm predicting the senate will run pretty smoothly this year," Cosby said. "It's really not my place anymore... but I want to make sure that they know what's going on."

While the SGA has also been trying to keep an eye on renovations to the IM, Cosby said there has not been enough time to do enough.

Ground breaking for the IM has been delayed several times, with the current date set for early August. Students have been paying $75 each semester to fund the renovations, which would enlarge the facility and enhance many of its services for stu-

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Worley named new Dean of Business

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

Joel Worley has been named Dean of the College of Business at NSU.

Worley has been acting associate dean of business since last year.

"As dean I plan to emphasize quality teaching and quality in research efforts," Worley said. "I want to keep the curriculum current and stay on top of that at all times. I also want to emphasize student placement, getting our graduates placed in good jobs and recruiting employers to come to campus to talk with our students. I will even cold call companies to tell them about our program and the quality of our students."

A native of Mount Enterprise, Tex., he earned his doctorate at Virginia Tech and is also a graduate of Stephen F. Austin and the U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School.

Worley

Worley also plans to actively recruit top students to NSU and the College of Business.

"We have some objectives regarding growth. We want our build our numbers," he

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NSU & NUDE MICE FOR RESEARCH

Photo courtesy Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research

Amanda Cason, NSU and Louisiana Scholars' College student, weighs a nude mouse at the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research in Houston in this undated press release photo. Cason is one of 11 students interning as part of the foundation's Educational Scholarship Program this summer. The press release said interns learn a variety of laboratory techniques, observe human surgery and attend patient rounds with physicians and staff.

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NSU track & field star throws his way into the 2004 Olympics.

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dents.

"We haven't been doing as much investigating as we should have," Cosby said. "We're sick and tired of paying $75 and not seeing them breaking ground."

The start of the fall semester, a week later than usual, will push back student elections as well as Homecoming and other University events.

Cosby said that with student technology issues out of the way, she would have more available time to make sure student elections progress smoothly.

Cosby is also planning to take part in a lobbying effort spearheaded by Sen. Mary Landrieu, one of Louisiana's federal legislators.

Both Landrieu, a Democrat, and Ohio Rep. Ralph Regula, a Republican, wrote bills this year aiming to change 37-year-old federal rules on student loans to provide students with more refinancing options.

Currently, the law only allows loans taken out among multiple lenders to be consolidated and refinanced at a bank of the student's choice. Borrowers receiving all of their student loans from a single lender can currently only refinance with their current lender.

Cosby said the change could save up to 14 million students' money by allowing them to refinance their student loans when interest rates fall. However, she said banks are opposing the measure because it would cost them millions of dollars in interest.

"If we can show them that this benefits more people than it hurts, I think it might go through," Cosby said.

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University organizations stay active despite heat

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

Hot summer days may encourage lethargy, but some NSU organizations have remained active to serve their members these last few months.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the Wesley/Westminster Foundation started the summer with mission trips and continued with weekly activities.

For a week in West Texas, 18 ministry students repaired an old Baptist camp, did construction work and held a worship service for youth in the area.

Five ministry members are serving as summer missionaries in Africa and several others are serving throughout the U.S.

Next week, 15 ministry members will be attending a national ministry conference in Glorieta, New Mexico.

Foundation members were in Chicago for 10 days while working with various inner city mission projects, including visiting a local jail, where the helped inmates prepare for GED testing.

"For a week we went to Cook County Jail and worked with the inmates, to help teach and tutor them in Math and English," Clay Williams, a Foundation intern, said.

The Foundation is currently holding worship services every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

About 70 members of the football team have attended voluntary summer workouts offered at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. each weekday. The workouts are available to any athlete, but the majority of participants are football players.

Donnie Cox, athletics associate director, said summer practices are popular at other schools in the nation, and they promote unity before the season officially begins.

"It's a way of bonding and the team coming together," Cox said.

Zeb Hawkins, the football strength and conditioning coach works with the athletes this summer. Hawkins said the 110-degree temperature on the Astroturf has not caused any injuries.

"The athletic trainers have done a good job of keeping water out there," Hawkins said.

The NSU Theatre has also been active this summer with two dinner theater productions. The first, *Little Mary Sunshine*, ran earlier in the summer, and *Miss Fire Cracker Contest* opens August 2. Approximately 50 people, mostly theater students, have been involved in the summer productions.

NSU's 24 Freshmen Connectors introduced a record 1,373 incoming freshmen to campus life during four separate two-day orientations this summer.

Summer is simmering down and fall will soon begin with its classes, traffic, crowds and homework. In addition to the rigors of college, there are extra-curricular activities designed to provide friendship, fun and stress relief. Most organizations will resume meetings and events when the fall 2002 semester begins.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Members of the NSU Theatre pose in a production photo from *Little Mary Sunshine* The musical is one of two the department planned for the summer.

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Crew receives new $10,000 dock system

By Melissa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Crew team, with the help of a Student Government Association grant, has received a new dock.

According to NSU Crew member Kristin Huben, the 59-foot dock, worth more than $10,000, will be constructed and ready for use before fall classes begin.

Huben said the team's old dock was becoming unsafe and the new dock is hopefully the first of two the rowing team will soon own.

Because the rowing team is a self-funded club sport, the cost of coaching staff and equipment makes the purchase of such a dock nearly impossible without outside financial assistance.

By the end of the spring semester, the SGA grant of $10,000 had been approved for the rowing team.

With the help of Mark Deshotel, the University's director of intramural sports, several current and past members of the team and members of the SGA, the rowing team was able to submit the necessary bids and purchase their first-choice dock.

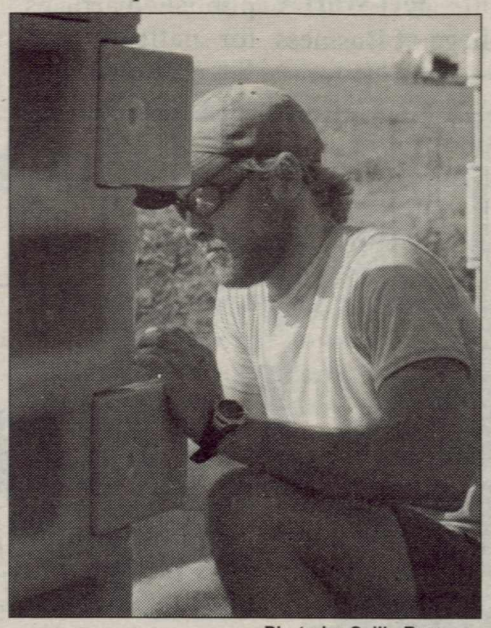

Photo by Callie Reames

NSU Crew member Scott Ward assembles a section of the team's new dock on Saturday.

The rowing team hosts its 13th annual Marathon Rowing Championship on Nov. 9th. Currently the team is commissioning the Cane River Waterway Commission in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce for a second dock for the marathon.

If the team is unable to obtain the second dock, team members who do not row that day may have to assemble the new Lego-like dock at the Melrose Plantation, the race's starting point.

Then, immediately after the start of the race, the crew would have to reassemble the same dock on the lake near Front Street for the race's finish.

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said. "In the future, we are looking at adding minors in e-commerce and finance. We may also seek additional majors."

Among his other plans are continuing to raise private funds. Recently, the College of Business received a pledge to create its first endowed chair. The Charles E. Ragus and Family Endowed Chair in Business will be created with a donation of $400,000 from Peggy Ragus and her family, Debbie and Buddy Cook, Stacey and Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky and Jenni and Dalton McGaha.

The College of Business also has seven endowed professorships worth $100,000 each.

In the past several years, the College of Business has also raised funds to create several scholarships to assist students.

"Last spring we awarded 10 scholarships to students who entered in the fall of 2001. These scholarships were rewards for academic performance," Worley said. "We want to recognize excellence in the classroom."

Worley said the College will add eight new faculty, including three in computer information systems, which is one of Northwestern's Areas of Excellence.

"These faculty are well-qualified and able teachers," Worley said. "The first thing we look for is practical, applied credentials. We also look for academic achievement."

Worley gave credit to the faculty, staff and administration in all areas at NSU for their role in helping the College of Business emerge as the state's top program.

"We have support from throughout the entire university. We would not have a strong program if the rest of the university were not strong academically," he said.

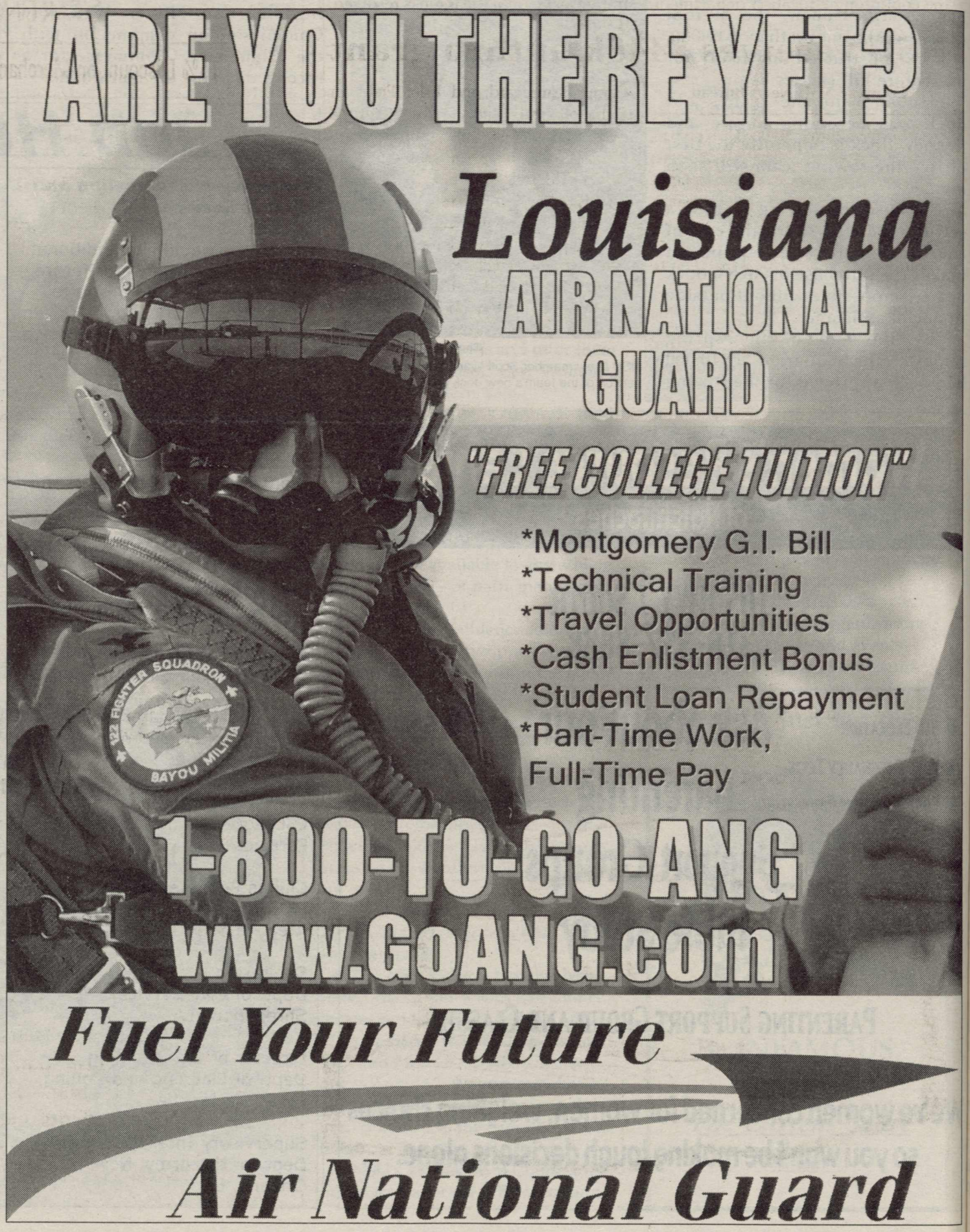
In addition to his academic experience, Worley has headed a consulting firm, Joel K. Worley and Associates, since 1978. Worley has consulted with companies in retailing, wholesaling, manufacturing, transportation, international trade, the medical field, service firms, agricultural firms, restaurants, oil field service and real estate. He also has worked for several years in private business.

Worley has been a member of NSU's faculty for 13 years. He has been a professor of business administration since 1991. Worley was an associate professor of business administration at NSU from 1983 until 1986. He was a member of the faculty at Radford University from 1980 until 1983 and from 1986 until 1991. Worley was also an instructor at Virginia Tech and Stephen F. Austin State University.

"We would not have a strong program if the rest of the university were not strong academically."

Joel Worley
Dean, College of Business

Worley has published articles for national and international refereed journals on subjects including small business, care of AIDS patients and attitudes on AIDS, business ethics and gender issues. He has also been an active participant at professional conferences. Worley was also a founding member and a member of the board of directors of the International Academy of Management and Marketing.



Sauce*Briefs*

Investigated professor identified

From *The Sauce* staff

On July 11 *The Current Sauce* reported two University professors were on paid administrative leave pending the results of an investigation by the Louisiana State Auditor's office.

Since the last issue, *The Sauce* has learned that Alvin Brossette, dean of the continuing education department, was one of the two University employees on paid administrative leave. The name of other party involved has not yet been released.

The Louisiana State Auditor's office is investigating Brossette's handling of a grant. The amount of the grant money in question is currently unknown.

Brossette will be on paid administrative leave until the issue is resolved.

NSU receives $448k anthro grant

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

Northwestern State University's Cultural Resources Office has received four anthropological research contracts totaling $448,000 from the Louisiana Army National Guard. David Morgan, assistant director of the Cultural Resources Office, is the principal investigator.

The projects will include an inventory of traditional Native American cultural properties at National Guard properties throughout the state and surveys of Camp Beauregard and Esler Field for archaeological sites. The Cultural Resource Office will also prepare documents to nominate an area of Camp Beauregard for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

The project will identify traditional cultural properties which are those properties, whether tangible or intangible, that are of religious and cultural significance to a specific tribe on lands owned, used and controlled by the Louisiana Army National Guard for the purpose of federal military training and related activities.

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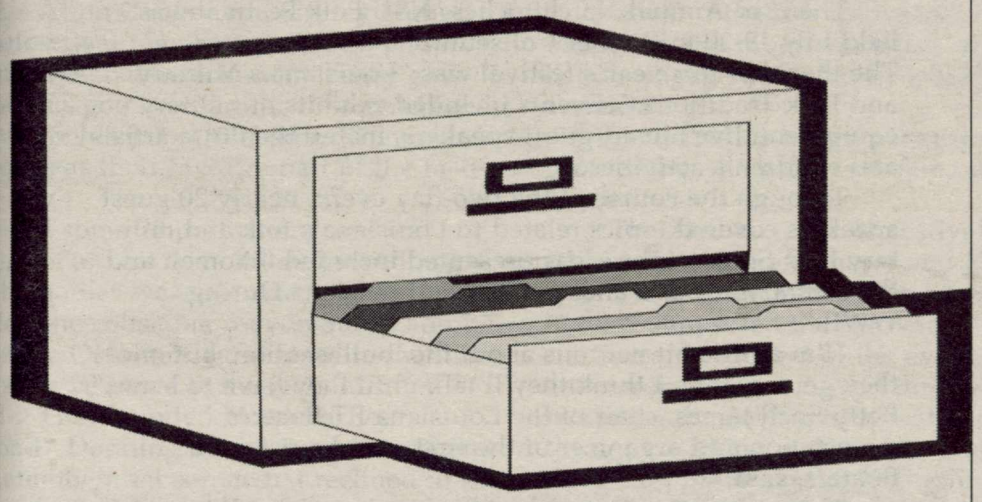

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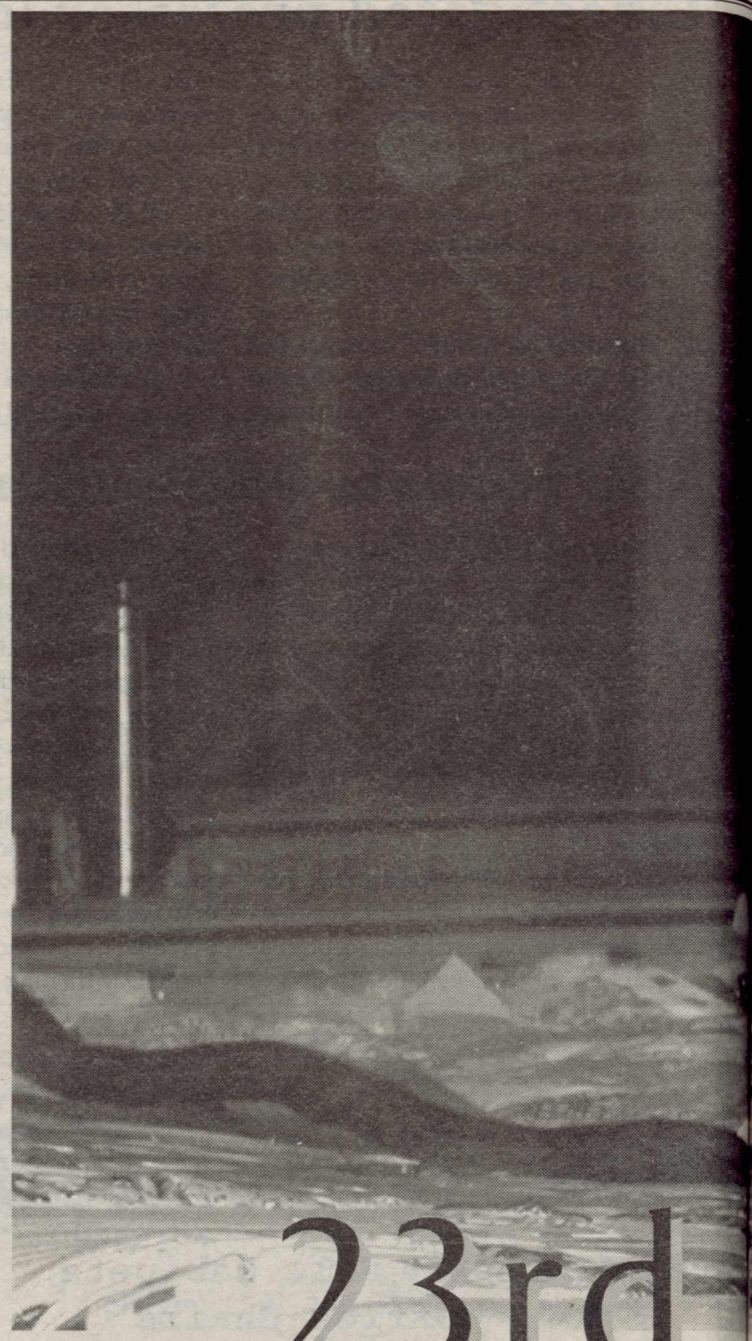


23rd Annual

(Below) An exhibit featuring World War II memorabilia and uniforms.

By Melissa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter
All photos by Garrett Guillotte

The 23rd Annual Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival was held July 19-20 in Prather Coliseum.
The theme of this year's festival was "Louisiana's Military and Folk Traditions." Events included exhibits of military equipment, live music, guest speakers, material culture artists and children's activities.

Through the course of the two-day event, nearly 20 guest speakers covered topics related to Louisiana's folk and military life. Some of the ideas presented included "Women and the Military," "Food and War," and "Louisiana During WWII."

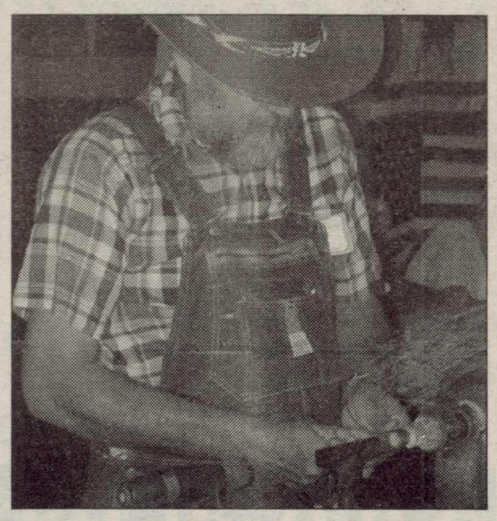
"I'm a little bit nervous about the 'bull' session, but once they get together, I think they'll talk until they have to leave," Betty Snell James, chair of the Louisiana PT Boaters Association and organizer of the first ever Louisiana PT Boaters, said.

88-year-old Roy Gandy had his hand-made walking sticks

Quilter Opal Clower

d atchitoches/NSU l Folk Festival

A Folk Festival volunteer shows off her World War II nurse's costume.


Bill Ellezy of Houma uses a lathe to make a thimble.

on dis fe, children and grandchildren also displayed dy's children taught both he and his wife.

"O proud of my children and grandchildren for car traditions," Gandy said with a soft drawl.

Na iblings Alton Cooper and Shirley Slimer volunt k the festival together on Friday, and returne for their own entertainment. They gave kudos nd for its good clean fun, very good food, and th Natchitoches Jazz Orchestra. They were in agreem music was their favorite part of the festival.

Th wcased some 22 performing musical ensem stages. For two days music played, peopled d pped, smiles were abundant, and the smell d filled the coliseum. Lavon Smith and his wife t Ardmor, Okla. to Cajun dance to the live music nds they've made at the festival.

Bil Hurst Hall founded Natchitoches' "Back n 1978. Donning denim, boots, vests and hats, a nd members sat somewhat reclined in chairs ke. The members and instrumentation of the ensemble have varied through the years, and the band itself has expanded musically through their performances.

"We play music that was made for dancing," Bryant said. "The melodies are ones most people know."

Irish and English traditional tunes, as well as American folksongs and mountain music are in their repertoire; the band's engagements have included weddings and civil war reenactments.

Bryant builds his own instruments and will be offering a class within the year on making dulcimers, banjos and Irish harps.

"The 23rd annual folk festival was a great success," Lisa Abney, festival coordinator and NSU professor, said. "I am elated to see how much Natchitoches and the state-wide community supported the festival."

Towards the end of the event, Abney was still energized and smiling as she moved through the coliseum doing both her job and enjoying the great people she's come to know through working with the festival. Abney began work a few days later planning the 2003 folk festival, "The Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial and Folk Traditions."

Provencal native Beau Dustin Bacon assembles a straight-back chair.

This is just to say

Something to think about; three awkward life situations

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-Chief

Have you ever fallen victim to an awkward situation? Not awkward situations like seeing a crop circle or being abducted and anally probed by aliens. The awkward situations I am referring to are more common, everyday occurrences that happen to normal people. These people are, however, too wrapped up in life to realize that the previous situation should have been awkward. That's right friends, I am almost certain that you have been in some of these same situations.

I would like to exhibit three scenarios in which an awkward situation has been encountered.

Scenario #1: The unofficial third wheel

This has been the most recent and possibly the most awkward situation that I have been victim of. It was definitely a defining awkward situation for me.

As I was leaving my apartment for the office one afternoon, when one of the neighbors, and what appeared to be his girlfriend, left their apartment at the same time I did. Trying to distance myself from their playful embraces, I slowed my pace, but so did they. I tried passing on several occasions, but the hallway was too narrow, so I followed them all the way out to their vehicle.

I certainly felt as if I was the unofficial third wheel, but I had no choice. Our promenade as a three party group was quite strange.

Scenario #2: "Hey baby, I'm not a stalker."

Ah, now this is a very odd situation. Here's the scenario.

Sitting at the bar in Yesterday's after knocking back your third Tiki Bowl, your eyes begin to wonder about the room until they find what seems to be, and most likely is a beautiful person. Your eyes become fixated on this stunning vixen, and you cannot seem to peel them away. Then just as you are about to look away, she catches you. Now you look like a stalker. What do you do?

When you find yourself in this situation, be you a man or woman, I believe that it is in your best interest to offer a smile and a nod, raise your glass, finish your drink and leave as soon as possible, unless the beautiful person reacts to your staring problem. If this is a good reaction, engage in wonderful drunken conversation by explaining the best way you know how that you are not a stalker, just interested.

Scenario #3: Open mouth, insert foot

Sometimes there are some things that just cannot go unmentioned. But if negative comments are spoken too loudly, they could get you in some trouble.

About three years ago, Lake Charles had a mediocre minor league hockey team. I think it is safe for me to say that I was a fan, because I contributed to the organization financially by attending several games.

The hockey games, themselves, were great entertainment when they began, however, I must say that they did lack opening and intermission entertainment department. Most of the acts were practically unbearable. For example, before one game some guy was asked to play his rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner". I am not sure who the entertainment talent scout for the organization was, but I am sure that they lost their job after upper management heard this guy play. Let's just say that he was no Hendrix and I was not proud to be an American after hearing that crap.

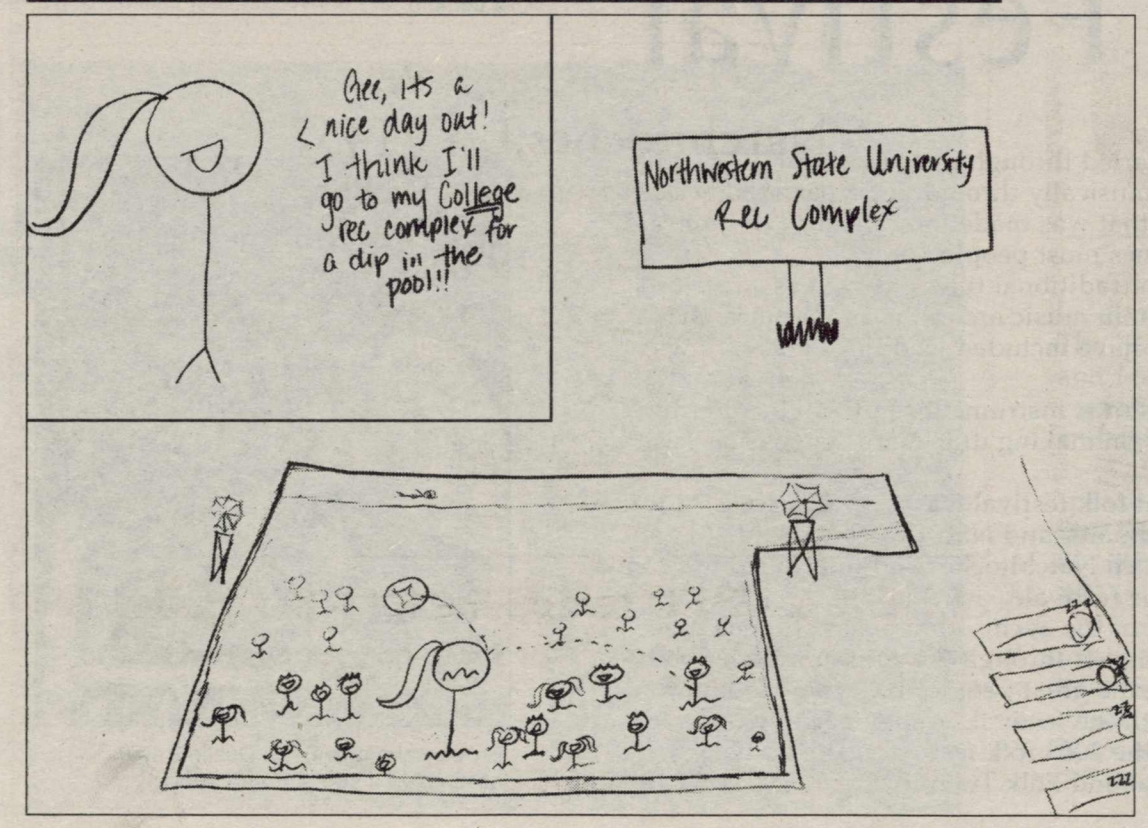
Half way through the third bar of his rampage I looked over at my dad and said, "I bet they won't have this guy back."

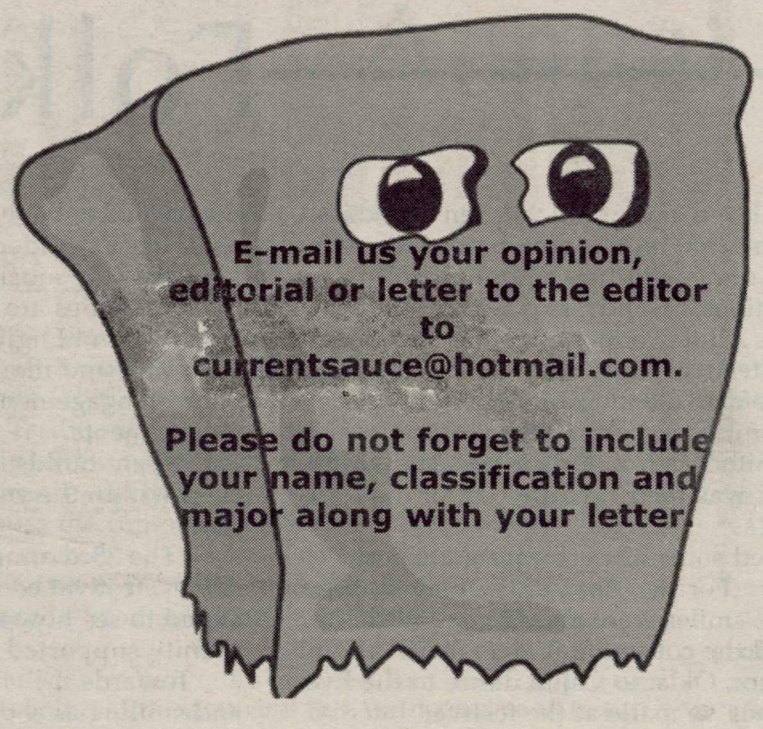
Immediately after I presented up my critique, the guy's wife, who was seated right in front of me looked at me and said, "I know he has been practicing for a while."

Ouch. I had to set through three periods of hockey with Axel Rose's wife (she really wasn't Axel Rose's wife and he really wasn't Axel) sitting right in front of me. If I could have crawled under my seat I would have.

So there you have it, three very awkward and embarrassing situations. Avoiding these situations is not up to you. They are something that we all must encounter at least once in our lives. I urge you to pay more attention to what goes on around you to see what kind of crazy situations you can get yourself into. Feel free to share your awkward moments with us. You can e-mail them to currentsauce@hotmail.com.

A day at the rec by Kristin Huben





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Frederick gains ground on 2004 Olympic hopes

By Delvin Simms
Contributing Writer

Frederick

Two-time Southland Conference javelin champion Latrell Frederick threw a personal record of 255-7 at the 2002 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

He finished second in the men's javelin behind Louisiana native and 2000 Olympian Breaux Greer, who won the event with a 268-4 throw.

The Northwestern State senior and Benton native has been invited to represent Team USA in a series of upcoming international competitions.

According to NSU sports information, Johnson said, "It's a big step forward for his (Frederick's) hopes of making the 2004 Olympic games in Athens, Greece, because the experience he'll gain from this will be priceless."

Frederick will be one of two American javelin throwers in the 2002 PowerAde North America, Central America, and Caribbean Under- 25 Track & Field Championships in San Antonio on Aug. 9-11.

In addition, he will compete in a three-country meet in Glasgow, Scotland, between Great Britain, Russia and the USA on Aug. 18.

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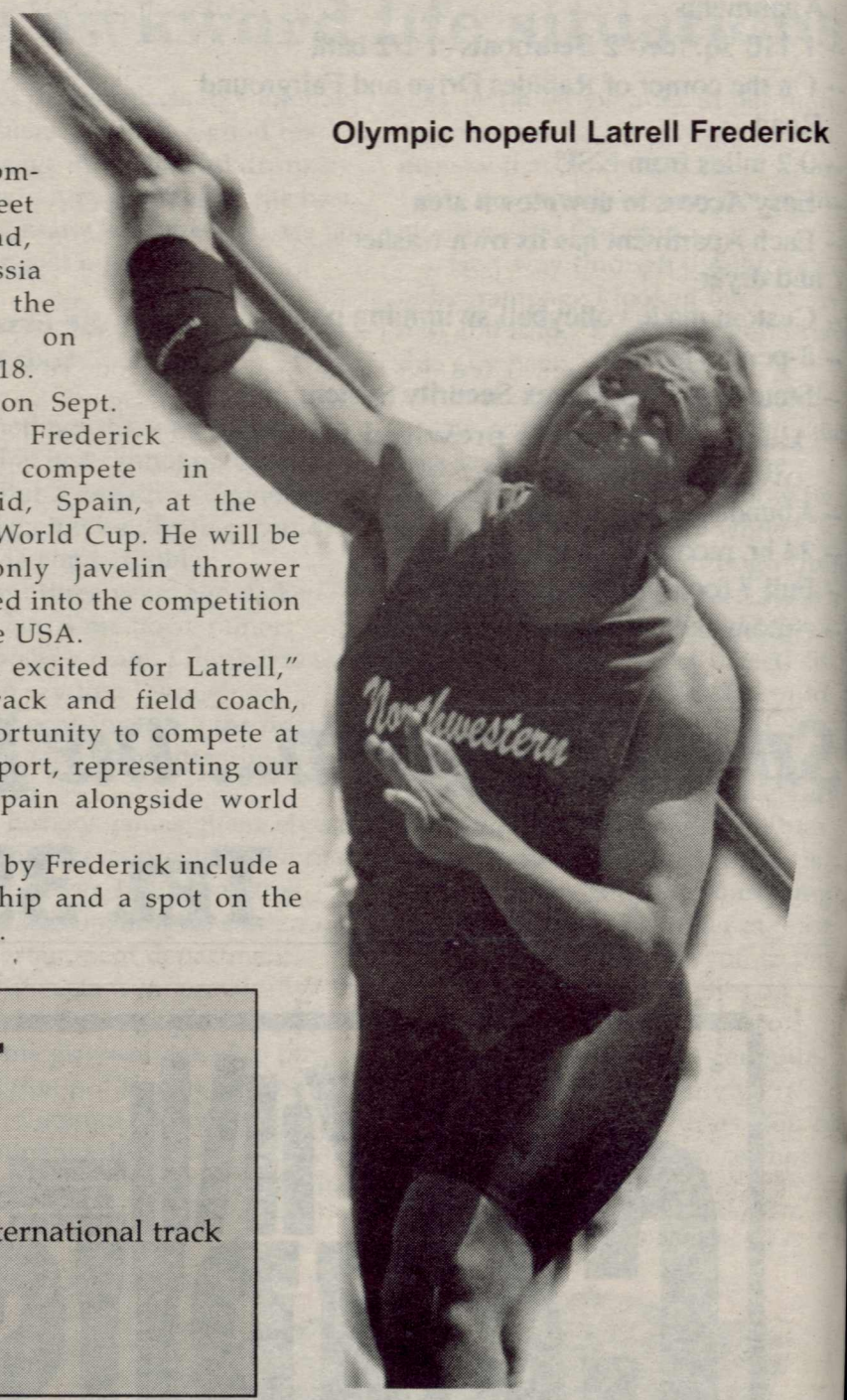
>
> **Leon Johnson**
> NSU Demon track coach

And on Sept. 22-23 Frederick will compete in Madrid, Spain, at the 2002 World Cup. He will be the only javelin thrower entered into the competition by the USA.

"We're tremendously excited for Latrell," Leon Johnson, Demon track and field coach, said. "This is a great opportunity to compete at the highest level of our sport, representing our nation in Scotland and Spain alongside world record holders..."

Other honors acquired by Frederick include a Junior Javelin Championship and a spot on the Junior Pan American team.



Olympic hopeful Latrell Frederick

Before there was hope...

- Two time All-American javelin thrower.
- Invited to join Team USA.
- First current NSU athlete to compete for Team USA at the highest level of international track and field competition.
- Fifth in the 2000 and 2001 NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Stoker optimistic about NSU defense; six Demons make preseason All-SLC team

Courtesy of Sports Information

As the Southland Conference unveiled a new logo and ditched the Southland Football League moniker Wednesday, the storyline for the 2002 football season remained constant.

The SLC, top to bottom, doesn't grant any days off.

"I don't think there's anybody dominant, and I don't think there's any kind of doormat," Scott Stoker, first-year Northwestern State head coach an assistant in the conference for the past 12 years at NSU and McNeese State, said. "This year, maybe more than ever before, everybody will be pretty good. Whoever stays healthy and lucky the longest will come out on top."

McNeese, where Stoker coached for the past eight years and was defensive coordinator the last two, was the consensus pick to win the SLC crown that the Cowboys shared last year with Sam Houston State.

"They've got the most returning talent and they deserve that ranking right now," Stoker said. "Our goal is to earn that ranking at the end of the season but it's gonna be tough."

The Demons, 8-4 last year with 45 letterwinners returning, were snagged in a three-way tie for third place in the preseason poll of SLC coaches. The conference's sports information directors tabbed NSU for fifth place.

Northwestern had only one offensive player, senior center Nick Fiorito, on the Preseason All-SLC Team picked by the coaches. He was a second-team choice. Defensively, All-Americans Ahmad Willis and Terrence McGee joined senior linebacker Kurt Rodriguez and senior defensive end/linebacker Roy Locks representing Northwestern on the first team, while Demons' defensive tackle Chris Jones and senior safety Darryl Lacy were on the second team.

"When Stoker and (defensive coordinator) J.C. Harper are saying this is the best defense they've been around, that's a mouthful,"Tommy Tate, McNeese State head coach , who had Stoker and Harper on his staff the last two years, said. "We've been pretty salty on defense at McNeese, but I hear they think this is the best group they've coached and that's quite a statement."

Stoker, who promises an "attacking" 4-2-5 alignment with nine seniors projected as defensive starters, didn't make that claim Wednesday during the first day of the SLC Kickoff Celebration. But he spoke confidently, and wishfully.

Nall signs with Green Bay; Llorens signs with New York

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

Former NSU football standout and Alexandria, La. native Craig Nall was inked by the Green Bay Packers on July 22.

Nall

Nall was selected by the Packers in the 29th pick of the fifth round. He was picked 164 overall.

Llorens

Nall, a general studies major, transferred to NSU from Louisiana State University in January of 2001. During his 2001 season at NSU, Nall was selected as an All-Southland Football League first-teamer and the Newcomer of the Year.

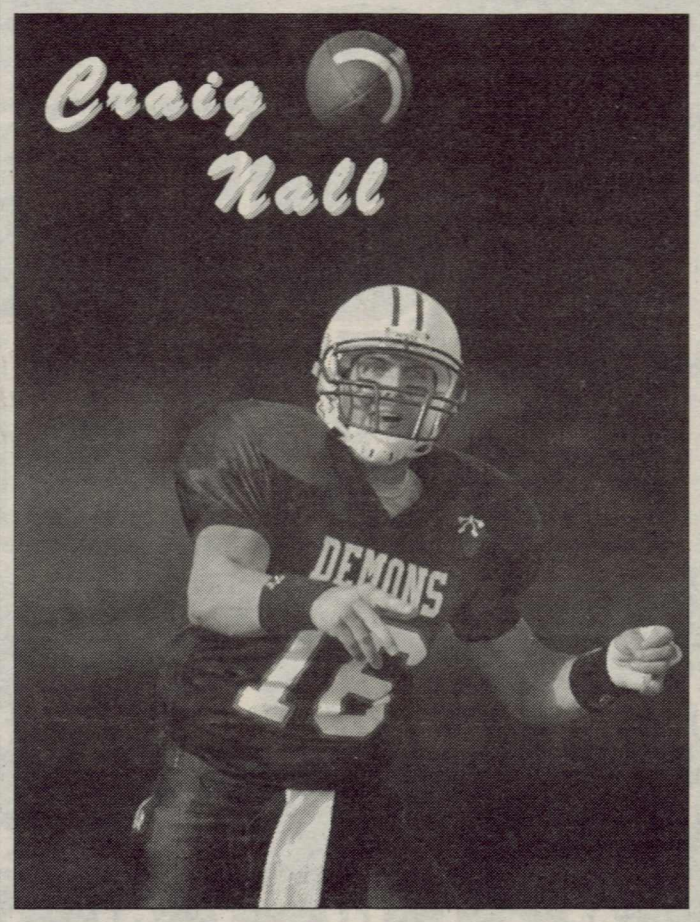
In his senior year Nall was also named the Demons' Offensive Most Valuable Player. He set the University's season passing record with 2,022 yards on 142 of 250 passes.

If you do the math that is roughly 56.8 percent passes completed. This record broke former NSU quarterback turned head coach Scott Stoker's record, who set the record at 1,966 yards in 1988. Nall also threw for 11 touchdowns.

Nall is not the only former Demon turned professional in 2002. Former NSU Demon cornerback Kendrick Llorens signed with the New York Giants during the NFL draft. While at NSU the Natchitoches native was named to the 2001 Preseason All-Southland Football League first team.

Nall is listed as Green Bay's number three quarterback. The Packers are still led onto the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field every Sunday by Brett Favre.

Both Nall and Llorens will receive the National Football League's minimum salary of $650,000 with a signing bonus of $125,000.



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Bid date set for IM renovation

By Melissa Hardaway
Sauce Reporter

For four years now, students at NSU have paid $75 per semester to fund the renovations for the new Intramural building on campus. But will these students ever see the finished product?

Plans for a new three story, 41,000 square foot building have been under consideration since fall of 1998. According to Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey, there have been some corrections to the plans but no problems with the budget.

Both Lindsey and Intramural Director Marc Deshotel said a bid date should be expected within two weeks.

Deshotel said State Facility Planning gave a bid date of Sept. 26. There will then be a thirty-day period when contractors can make bids to start work. After a bid has been accepted, construction should start in 30 to 60 days.

"We will break ground this fall," Deshotel said, although he would not give a precise date.

If all goes as planned, the building will be ready to open in Spring of 2004.

The current IM building is now closed to students. A temporary facility has been set up in the basement of Rapides Hall, a men's residence hall. Deshotel said the facility has a weight room, stationary bikes, a treadmill and rowing machines.

The basement facility will be open to students starting Sept. 23.

Although the Rapides basement will be available, some students are upset with the fact that their money is being spent on something they will never see.

Justin Raines, a junior, said, "The Rapides basement is as big as a bedroom and it's very hot in there. I would rather pay $100 a semester to belong to the gym across campus." However, Raines will still be paying $75 a semester to use the NSU facilities.

Deshotel plans to announce an aerobics schedule later in the fall and a basketball league for this spring in the PE Major's building.

There is no place for students to free-play basketball this semester. However, Deshotel recommended contacting the Martin Luther King center off-campus.

The hours for the Rapides basement workout room are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deshotel hopes that the early closing will make women feel safer when leaving in the evening.

Deshotel said there will be student workers spaced throughout the basement and hourly parking lot checks. Also, students could also be walked to their cars.

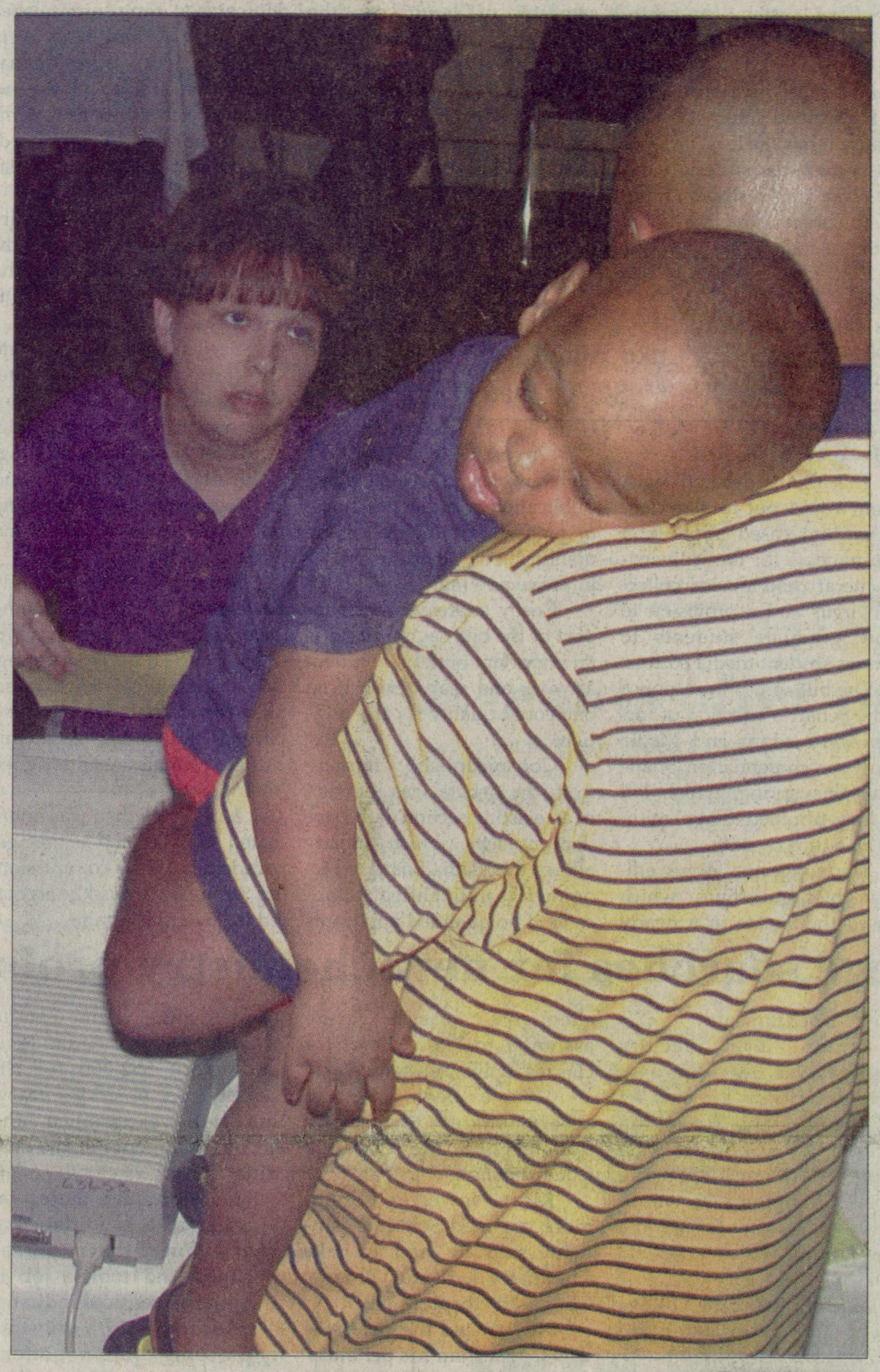


Photo by Glenn Ward

Sedrick Cole, Jr., takes a nap during fee payment Thursday. Father Sedrick Cole, Sr., said the lines were not too long, "probably because I came in late." Cashier Elizabeth Yopp said, "We pre-billed this semester online, so there weren't as many students."

ARAMARK gets new director

By Melissa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter

Perry Martin is new to NSU this year as the interim acting director of campus dining services for ARAMARK.

Martin took the position held previously by Michael Clifton, who now works for ARAMARK at University of Louisiana-Monroe, on Monday.

"ARAMARK has recently acquired a new account with the University of Louisiana-Monroe, and with his abilities, Mr. Clifton was transferred there," Mary Edith Stacy, of auxiliary services, said. "Michael's kind of the troubleshooter, and will really get that program going. Martin will help keep moving our program forward."

Stacy explained that the process of hiring the acting director of campus dining services includes processes and procedures of both ARAMARK and NSU. A three-student panel will be assembled to represent residence halls, University Columns and commuter students. The panel, along with University President Randall Webb, his wife Brenda, Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour, and Stacy will talk with the applicants before the position is formally filled in mid- to late fall.

Martin said his job is "to more or less oversee all of the dining opportunities at Northwestern." Stacy adds that his job also includes much behind-the-scenes work that the students may not be aware of, involving budgeting money and the ARAMARK management team.

"I'm actually enjoying it very much," Martin said. "I really would hope that the students will get to meet me and I get to meet them. I look forward to the challenges of a new year and a new school, and hopefully we'll be able to work on some new things."

University combats West Nile

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

NSU students should take precautions while outdoors because of the West Nile virus.

West Nile is a mosquito-borne disease that can cause a flu-like infection.

The virus is first transmitted from an infected mosquito that may transfer the virus to a bird when the insect feeds on it. The bird begins to migrate to another location and another insect may feed on the bird's blood.

The newly-infected mosquito can then pass the virus to a human.

Only one percent of people that are infected with the West Nile virus will become severely ill.

The mild symptoms of the virus are fever, headache, body aches, and rashes. Severe infections may cause tremors, disorientation, muscle weakness and death.

Currently, there is no vaccine or any other treatment for this virus.

"There have been no cases of the West Nile virus, but it is better to be safe that sorry," Lisa Thomas, a nurse at NSU's Health Services Department, said. "The virus has some of the same symptoms, such as fever and a rash, as meningitis. If there are any cases of West Nile, students will be sent to the school's physicians, Dr. Mary Long and Dr. Michelle Mayeux."

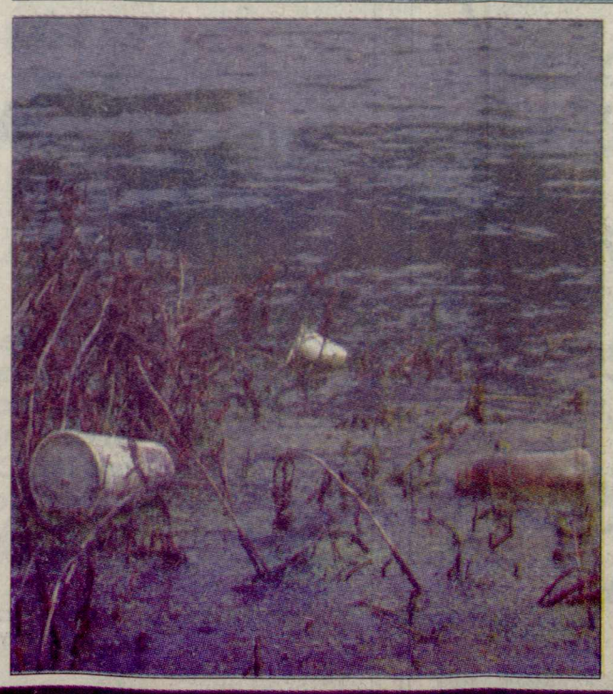
Some of the precautions that students can take include using mosquito repellent with up to 30 percent DEET for adults and no more than 10 percent for children.

Also, people should avoid hours when mosquitoes are most active: in the early morning and late at night.

Principal Jimmye Holmes of the Elementary Lab School is taking extra precautions with the elementary students during recess.

"The students are following their regular schedule. Before the school term began, the Natchitoches Health Unit sprayed the play area, between buildings and other areas on campus. We continue to check for any signs of dead birds or anything that may affect the school," Holmes said.

The Natchitoches Parish Health Unit is spraying Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight through NSU's campus.



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(Above) A dead bird floats in the Student Union courtyard's fountain Tuesday afternoon. While dead birds often signal the presence of viruses like West Nile and St. Louis encephalitis, the cause of the bird's death is unknown.

(Left) Stagnant water such as this at Chaplain's Lake is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

EEO director to retire

From Staff Reports

Virginia Crossno, director of the Office of University Planning, Assessment and Equal Employment Opportunity, is planning to retire sometime in October, according to the Office's secretary.

Psychology department head Patrice Moulton is currently working as acting director as Crossno phases out her responsibilities and prepares to leave.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
73°/94°	70°/90°	70°/88°

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SGA lists tech funds, makes *Argus* qualifications part of fall referendum

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

The Student Government Senate's hour-and-a-half-long Tuesday night meeting produced a decision on only one piece of legislation.

But don't think the mostly informal meeting wasn't productive: Senators approved new Senate rules, three SGA department commissioners, the Election Board and a gaggle of committee nominations; swore in new senators; and nominated their choices for Mr. and Ms. NSU and the Honor Courts.

SGA President Stacie Cosby also provided copies of the $1.1 million student technology budget at the meeting, which included provisions for the new One Card debit and ID system and high-speed network wiring for Boozman Hall.

Cosby said the One Card System, which would allow students to use their student ID to pay for nearly anything on campus currently requiring cash, should complete its first phase of development by next semester.

This phase would place One Card enabled food and drink vending machines across campus, One Card laundry machines in dorms and use the One Card system for future student elections.

Cosby said Boozman would be the first dorm wired for high-speed Internet access because it has the least amount of asbestos, easiest design and best computer-to-student ratio.

Boozman is the traditional residence hall for Louisiana Scholars' College students. Cosby, a Scholars' College student, is a former desk worker at the hall.

> **"*Argus* is stupid."**
>
> Luke Hutchinson
> SGA senator

The night's debated legislation would put to a student referendum eased application requirements for the University's literary and musical collection *Argus* and a provision to allow graduate students to serve as student media editors.

The bill comes in response to the Senate's rejection of former *Argus* editor and Media Board recommendation Shane Erath this spring, which left the long-troubled annual without an editor or staff.

The suggested *Argus* editor-in-chief guidelines, which passed the Senate in a nearly unanimous vote, would effectively replace the required semester of service on the *Argus* staff with similar work experience.

Speaker of the Senate and bill sponsor Greg Comeaux said such experience could include work on other college publications, high school media or commercial media.

Senator Luke Hutchinson, the lone dissenting vote on the bill, was frank about his opinion of *Argus*.

"*Argus* is stupid," Hutchinson said, citing the late publication and a general lack of quality. He said reducing the qualifications for editor would improve nothing.

Cosby expressed her support of the bill, saying *Argus* is an important outlet for student artwork and may perish if no one could qualify for the position.

Conspicuously missing from the debate was mention of an existing section of the student by-laws, which already allows the Media Board to recommend unqualified applicants if no qualified applicants were available.

The Senate nominated Hutchinson for commissioner of Student Affairs, who oversees SGA action in residential life, Intramural activities and facilities, and solutions to campus problems. Unopposed, Hutchinson gained the position by default.

Former Student Affairs Commissioner Torrey Washington was removed from the Senate for failing to meet minimum grade requirements.

Recreation and intramural director Marc Deshotel addressed the Senate about progress with the IM building. Deshotel said bids for the long-delayed renovations and improvements for the building would take place in the second week of October.

Senators Mindy McConnell and Cade Strong also swapped departments during the meeting. McConnell, the former External Affairs commissioner, and Strong, the former Academic Affairs commissioner, resigned their posts.

McConnell then was nominated and accepted as the new Academic Affairs commissioner. Strong was quickly accepted for External Affairs.

Scholars' College searches for new chemistry profs

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

There are two missing faculty pieces in the Louisiana Scholars' College, as chemistry positions are open for the third semester.

Despite last year's search through approximately 25 applicants, Scholars' College Director Margaret Cochran said the college has not succeeded in attracting available qualified candidates.

The openings are for junior and senior level faculty members. The difference between the two is experience. Someone at the junior level is not as practiced in teaching and research as a senior level candidate.

Cochran explained that it might be difficult to find an associate or full professor willing to change jobs.

"You're asking someone to leave not just a job where they've had job security, but they've put in a pretty good investment to get to that level," Cochran said.

Senior level faculty members having tenure at their institutions are only let go from their position because of teaching program termination or for due cause. Changing jobs would include regaining tenure at a new school, which takes six years.

Cochran said the college might hire two qualified junior–level applicants to take over the growing chemistry department.

"We're in the process of actively trying to seek out those people that are qualified to teach here," Cochran said. "The most important thing is that they be qualified to teach chemistry and to direct student research."

There is an open position announcement on the Scholars' College Chemistry web page, and Cochran said she is planning on running an ad in a national chemistry journal.

Scholars' students who signed up for lower level chemistry classes were assigned to NSU chemistry classes again this semester.

"We've been able to accommodate everybody that needed the classes," Cochran said.

Klint Newer, a sophomore pre-med Scholars' student, said he had to take Chemistry I, II and Organic Chemistry through NSU.

Newer said the class size was larger than his Scholars' classes, where the teachers and students build relationships in a fun environment.

Cochran said, "I've had a few complaints about that but mostly people have been very understanding because they want a real high quality faculty member."

"But it was really neat to take it from NSU," Newer said, "to meet new people and new teachers."

Newer said he is still looking forward being taught in a smaller class setting by a Scholars' chemist when he or she is hired.

Salaries for these positions range from about $42,000 for the entry level and about $52,000 for the senior level positions, varying with experience and accomplishments of the candidates.

Cochran said there was an offer to a candidate last year, but that person declined and took a job in the pharmaceutical industry.

Cochran said a university probably could not offer a competitive salary when vying for an industry-sought chemist.

"This person's specialty was new drug discoveries, and there are lots of companies out there who want scientists who can do that kind of work," Cochran said.

The Spring 2003 semester is the earliest a new faculty member could start.

"If we were to find somebody who was willing to come here in January, we would hire them for January. Otherwise, I expect we would be hiring someone for next fall," Cochran said.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

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For more information contact the Office of Greek Life, Luke Dowden, or Tomiceana Goodnight.

***Argus* Editor and Staff Positions**
Applications are now being taken for the editor of *Argus* (the student literary magazine) and for persons to work on the *Argus* staff. The editor will receive a scholarship equivalent to one-half of tuition, fees, and room and board for the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 semesters. Other *Argus* staff members normally receive a small monetary stipend each semester.

The *Argus* editor must be a full-time undergraduate with at least 45 semester hours and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. He or she must also have competed 6 hours of English with a 2.5 or better GPA in English course. Prior editorial or publications experience is necessary.

There are no academic or experiential requirements for *Argus* staff members.

Applications for editor should be picked up from, and returned to, the Journalism Department office, 103B Kyser Hall. There will also be sign-up sheet for persons interested in staff positions but not the Editor position. Questions should be directed to Dr. Julie Kane, kanej@nsula.edu, 357-5663.

Student Activities Board
The Student Activities Board is looking for one representative-at-large and eight residential representatives. Apply in room 214 of the Student Union before 4:30 P.M. on Sept. 13.

The newest Student Activities Board committee, Freshman Factor, is meeting on Thursday at 4:30 PM. It is for freshman only.

For more information call 357-5438 or come to room 214 of the Student Union.

Student Technology
Laptops, Projectors, and Digital Cameras are now available for check out in rooms 113C and 113D of Watson Library! Students are allowed one week with equipment. For more information, please call 357-6482.

Student Government
Student Government Class Senator Applications are now available in Room 214 of the Student Union. For more information, please call 357-4501.

KNWD
KNWD 91.7FM will be up and running full time on Sept. 9. Any organizations wishing to make announcements via KNWD should bring them by the station in room 109 of Kyser Hall or send them by e-mail to knwd@nsula.edu.

***To see your Campus Connections in next week's edition of The Current Sauce, drop off your information in the Campus Connection box in room 225 of Kyser Hall.**

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Rodeo Team saddles up for another year

By Melissa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter

NSU has a number of student activities and organizations for athletics, the arts, and social interaction. Among these activities is the Northwestern State University Rodeo Team.

The team has been around since about 1978, and its numbers have fluctuated from as many as about 50 to last season's team of about 11.

"Rodeo is not an NCAA sport, not an intramural sport, it's a sport that stands on its own," team advisor Jack Pace said. Pace and Michael Land are the rodeo team's faculty advisors.

"We have the distinction that we are the only school in the state of Louisiana that's ever had a national champion, in 1997," Pace said.

The team is part of the Southern Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. This fall, and again in the spring, the team will attend five rodeos held on other Southern Region campuses.

The region's composition mirrors most of the Southland Conference, including NSU, McNeese State, Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin, and Texas A&M.

There is a women's team as well as a men's, and each competes in several categories of competition. Men's competitions include calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding. Women have barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping and the option to pair up with men in team roping.

Funding for the team comes from the students' fund-raising and from the $1 per full-time student per semester Student Government Association fee.

This fall NSU began granting out-of-state fee waivers to rodeo team members, and the national office of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association helps deliver scholarships to students from sponsors.

In order to compete on the team, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 hours while working towards a degree. During competitions, they must also wear school colors while in the rodeo arena.

SGA Minutes 9/3/02
(Secretary-Katie: class conflict, temporary sec. For tonight, Jen Jensen).

Prayer led by Adam Stoll, Pledge by Cade Strong.

Dustin Matthews gives Treasurer report: no budget as of yet, the system is down. About $28,000 there yet $6,000 will be left after all other allocations such as freshman connection t-shirts, travel expenses, scholarship money, and the like.

Jennifer Jensen gives Vice President report: Elections will be held for Mr. And Miss NSU, Honor Court, and Class Senators on September 18 & 19, run-offs on the 25 & 26. Filings are already open, applications can be picked up in the SAB office. As for the senators, you must pick up at least one hour at the poles each day, it is mandatory. Last but not least, think about whether you would like to be the commissioner of student affairs because Torrey Washington had to resign and we will take that vote tonight. Thank you.

Stacie Cosby gives President report: briefly discusses one-card system and how it will be implemented first through coke machines, washer and dryers, and vending machines. Boozman dorm will be the first place wired with fiberoptics for internet connection. The laptops are now available for check-out. I ran for COSBP chair and won, therefore I want to hold a meeting here in Natchitoches, I will need all of the help and support you can offer. Next, the nominations for Election Board are as follows: Chairman: Adam Stoll, Co-Chair: Sharmyn Little, and Members: Cade Strong, Yonna Pasch, Kristin Huben, Scott Manguno, and Lenzie Ledford. I now will induct all senators that ran in the spring election who did not make the banquet, if you would stand please. (Induction lines…)

Greg Comeaux: Internal Report: really nothing for now, the new constitutions should be in soon. I would like to introduce all of our commissioners as of yet: Mindy McConnell is the External Affairs commissioner, Cade Strong the Academic Affairs commissioner, Dustin Matthews the Fiscal Affairs commissioner, and I sit as the Internal Affairs commissioner.

Cade: Nothing to announce other than scantrons, Rick Rigsby for speaker, and my meetings will be at 3:30pm on Mondays.

Mindy: Publication, host radio show, and meetings will be at 2:30pm on Mondays.

Dustin: I have to get with Scott Manguno and discuss a few things, I will get back to you next week. Thank you.

Greg: We made some constitution amendments, they will be in the revised constitution that is coming out. We have one bill to be voted on tonight dealing with Argus, numbered FA02-001. By the way, the constitutions are at the print shop and next Friday at 3:00pm will be the New Senator workshop, it is mandatory.

Mr. Henry: Don't forget Rick Rigsby will be at 7:00pm on September 26. Thanks to Greg and Mindy for help with Freshman connection. We have a new purchasing program that now slows us down even more and changes some things. We are working on fixing up the boat house and opening the lake back up for canoes and such. Please work on legislation about cleaning up the pollution of the lake. We Will have an election even though the people for Alexandria gave me a hard time about primary! We need to start renovation on the offices, the plans will be in soon.

Senate Rules: Greg reads them, calls for a vote by show of hands, Liz Hughes makes a motion, Cade Strong 2nd's it and the motion passes unanimously.

Greg: Before new business, are there any questions about old business?

Adam Stoll: How many weeks do you have to neglect your office hours before getting in trouble?
Greg: twice, then you will be turned into the VP, one more time and you will be turned into the Senate.
Now, voting on FA02-001, media board by-laws. (Reads Bill)

Luke Hutchinson makes a motion to approve the bill, Liz Hughes 2nd's.
Roll Call vote, Luke is the only one who disapproves. Bill Passes.

Greg: we will skip the SAB report for the night, Beau is absent. It is time to vote on the Election Board members. Liz makes a motion, Cade 2nd's. Motion passes by general consent.
Now vote for Committee of Student Affairs, Cade nominates Luke and he accepts, wins by acclamation.

Stacie: I have many committees that I need the members approval for, they are as follows: Student Life Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Committee on Organizations, Student Self Assessed fees Committee, Financial Aid Appeals Committee, Scholarship Appeals Committee, Traffic and Parking Committee, and Traffic appeals committee. All motions for these committees were passed by general consent.

Greg: now nominations for Mr. And Miss. NSU and honor court. The floor is open for nominations.
We voted on: mr and miss nsu: adam allen, quincy spencer, ken romas, michelle myer, lacey stokes, Katie dollar, and Stacie Cosby.
Mr. And Miss. NSU: Adam Allen and Lacey Stokes.
We voted on Honor court: Adam Allen, Quincy Spencer, Ryan Terry, Dustin Matthews, and Greg Comeaux. Then female: Lacey Stokes, Liz Web, Jennifer Jensen, Amy Wakefield, Liz Hughes, and Becca Kyser.
Honor court: Adam Allen, Ryan Terry, Dustin Matthews, Lacey Stokes, Liz Web, and Becca Kyser.

Cade Strong and Mindy McConnell make a motion to resign from their current positions as Commissioners and switch places: Motion passes.

Greg: Anything else? Announcments: Senators meet in the office, Commissioners stay here to speak with Jen and Cabinet, Stacie needs to see you in her office. Thankyou, meeting adjourned.

Natchitoches pageants offer prizes, money

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches area women wishing to strut their stuff pageant style will get their chance Sept. 29 at the annual Natchitoches Queens Pageant.

The pageant will feature three different categories for young women of all ages.

The Miss City of Lights Pageant is open to women from the ages 18 to 24 who are attending a Louisiana college or university.

This pageant serves as a preliminary round for the Miss Louisiana/Miss America pageants.

The Miss Merry Christmas is open to young women entering the 12th grade in a Natchitoches Parish high school. Judges will select a Miss Merry Christmas as well as five Christmas Belles. The winner will be awarded the title of Hostess of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival and will represent Natchitoches at various events. The winner receives an NSU tuition scholarship, cash scholarship, and other prizes.

Young women entering grades 8-11 in Natchitoches Parish are eligible to enter into the Miss Natchitoches Teen Pageant, which is a preliminary tournament for the Miss Teen Louisiana Pageant.

Women wishing to participate in any of these pageants can obtain an application from Ivan Smith Furniture, Natchitoches City Hall, or the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for all applications is Friday.

Sci-Port offers NSU savings

By Linda D. Held
Sauce Reporter

Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport is offering discount admission to all students, faculty, families, and alumni of Northwestern.

Discount prices will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday only. The 30 percent discount includes a rate of $6 per person for Sci-Port Discovery Center Areas, or an IMAX film; or a $9 combo ticket for the center and an IMAX film.

Sci-Port Discovery Center's 67,000 square foot facility opened November 21, 1998 on the Shreveport/Bossier downtown river front. Sci-Port combines fundamental science education with hands-on entertainment for people of all ages.

"Most people feel you have to be really good at science to enjoy Sci-Port, but if you have a curiosity about the world and just want to have fun, Sci-Port is for you," Eric Gipson, public relations director, said.

With Sci-Port's 200 exhibits, visitors can build a sandbank, lie on a bed of nails, crawl through an ant colony, see a heart beat and much more. Sports fans can play virtual volleyball and measure their baseball pitch speed.

Sci-Port also includes a gallery for younger children, an interactive tour of the Red River, and a demonstration theater that explores topics such as electricity and space. Additional programs and workshops are offered for all ages throughout the day.

Sci-Port is also home of the IMAX dome theatre. The only one of its kind in the state of Louisiana, the screen is three stories tall and sixty feet wide with 244 perforated aluminum panels making up the dome. The theater has seating for the handicapped and can seat up to 178 individuals.

The theater is currently running three shows. Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West is a newly released big-screen National Geographic film of the 1803-06 expedition. Space Station, narrated by Tom Cruise, is a visual journey 220 miles above the earth in the International Space Station. Finally, Amazing Journeys chronicles the immense distances, challenges, and mysteries of animal migrations.

Sci-Port Discovery Center, which also includes a gift shop and café, is located at 820 Clyde Fant Parkway on the downtown Shreveport/Bossier Riverfront.

For more information, call 318-424-3466 or visit Sci-Port's website at www.sciport.org.

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Summer in Review: a *Sauce* recap

By Linda D. Held from staff reports

One of our own

NSU Senior Rondray Hill, former reporter, sports editor and editor-in-chief of *The Current Sauce*, died May 25, 2002, while in Washington, D.C. Hill, 21, died in his sleep from a heart attack early that Saturday morning. A journalism major with an emphasis in broadcast, Hill finished up his classes at the University last spring and was to begin his internship with the Washington-based Student Press Law Center on the Tuesday following his death. The journalism department will honor Hill during the fall commencement ceremony by presenting his parents with a posthumous bachelor's journalism degree.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Rondray Hill served NSU's campus for four years as staff of the Current Sauce.

Tile cracked at the Nat

A minor renovation of Nesom Natatorium became a major undertaking after tiles from the bottom of the pool floated up after the pool was drained. Cindy Davis, aquatics director for the University's health and human performance department, said the tiles would be cemented June 20, with the curing process probably delaying the natatorium's reopening until the start of the fall semester at the latest. In addition to the tile repairs and the insulation removal, University workers are upgrading several rooms and offices in the building, including changing rooms and bathrooms, as well as classrooms that have not been used for several years.

KNWD goes digital, improves signal

No longer will you hear static from your radio dial on 91.7 FM KNWD, because The Demon has gone digital. Roy Davis, operations technician, and Tracey Brown, head of telecommunications, found new equipment to properly transmit signals from the station location in Kyser Hall, to the top of Turpin Stadium, and then to KNWD's listening area. According to the National Association of Broadcasters, the new transmitter is the best among various others. The station is also currently in the process of changing the variety of music and the communication between the station and the public.

Investigated professor identified

On July 11 the *Current Sauce* reported two University professors were paid administrative leave pending the results of an investigation by the Louisiana State Auditor's office. The *Sauce* learned that Alvin Brossette, dean of the continuing education department, was one of the two University employees on paid administrative leave. The Louisiana State Auditor's office is investigating Brossette's handling of a grant. The amount of the grant money in question is currently unknown. Brossette will be on paid administrative leave until the issue is resolved.

Alumnus wins Miss Louisiana pageant

2001 NSU graduate Casey Crowder won the Miss Louisiana title at the June 15 state pageant in Monroe. Crowder will compete in this year's Miss America Pageant, scheduled for Sept. 21 in Atlantic City, N.J. Crowder won her first title, Little Miss Potlicker, when she was eight years old, and competed six times for the Miss Louisiana title before winning this summer. Crowder earned a degree in business administration from NSU and is pursuing a masters of business administration from University of Louisiana-Monroe. While attending NSU, Crowder was a Dean's List student and a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, Purple Jackets, Order of Omega, Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line and the Student Government Association.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
NSU alumnus and Miss Louisiana Casey Crowder

Crew receives new $10,000 dock system

The NSU Crew, with help of a Student Government Association grant, has received a new dock. According to NSU Crew president Kristin Huben, the 59-foot dock, worth more than $10,000, will be constructed and ready for the fall. Huben said the team's old dock was becoming increasingly unsafe and the new dock is hopefully the first of two the rowing team will soon own. By the end of the spring semester, the SGA grant of over $10,000 had been approved for the rowing team. The team hosts its 13th annual Marathon Rowing Championship on Nov. 9. Currently the team is petitioning the Cane River Waterway Commission in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce for a second dock for the marathon.

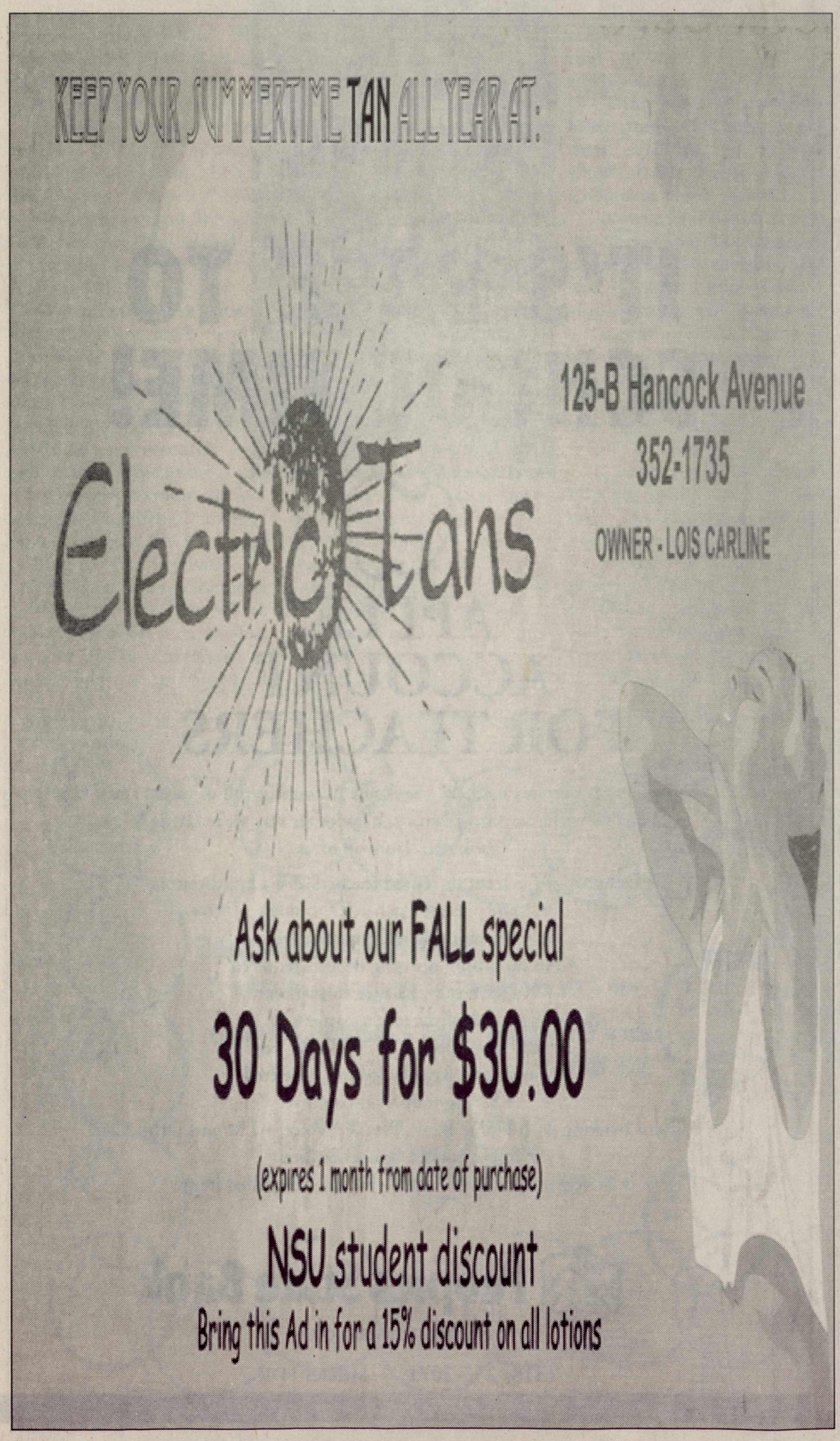
Photo by Gary Hardamon
The NSU Demon track team finished their 2002 season strong by taking home the outdoor men's SLC title.

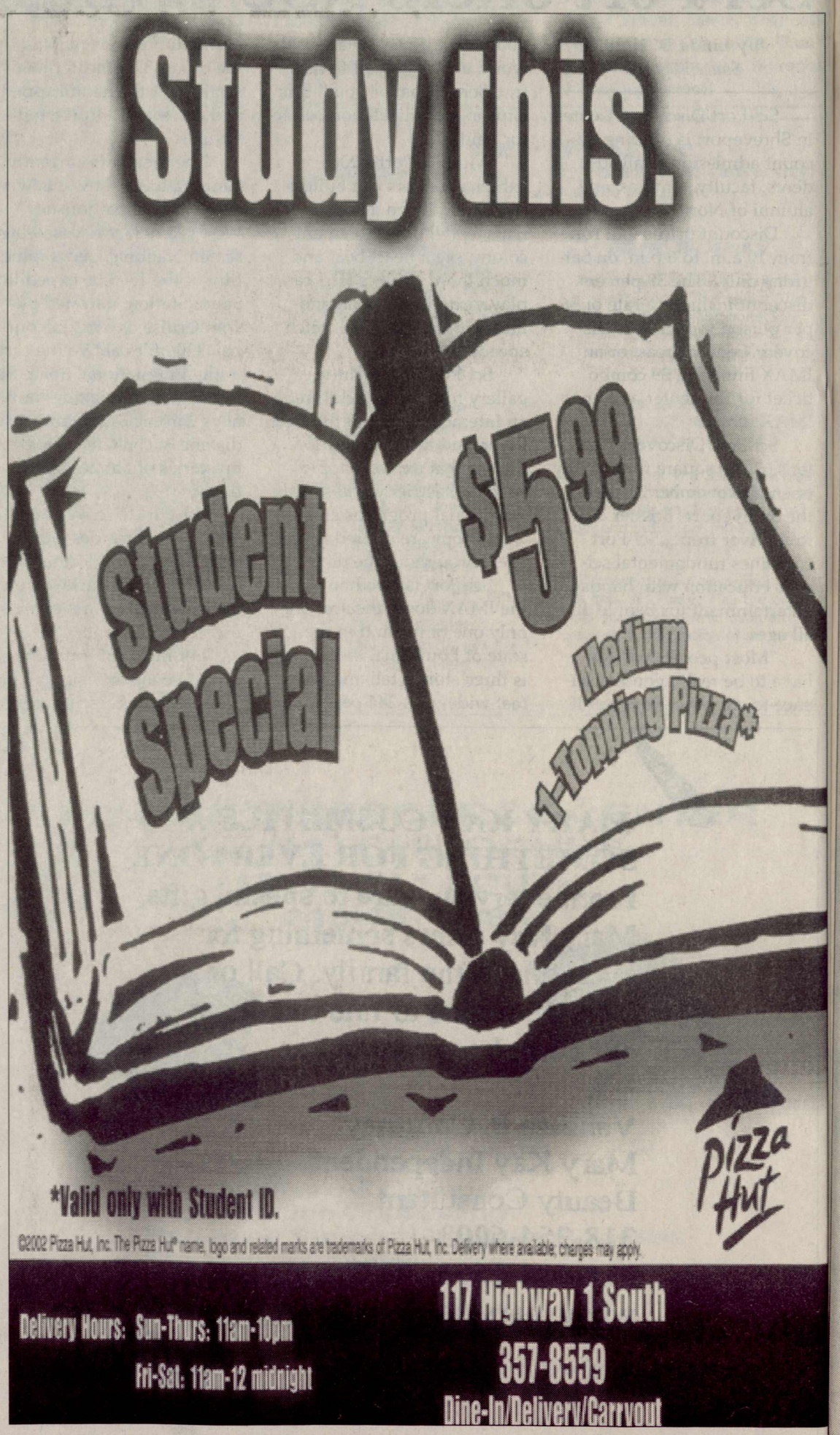
Demon track and field has award winning season

The Northwestern State University Demon Track and Field team ended the spring semester with a slew of honors. Starting with the SLC Outdoor Track and Field Championship, the men held off Southwest Texas State to win the Southland Conference outdoor men's title for the second time in four years. After guiding the men to their eighth championship since 1993, Coach Leon Johnson was voted SLC men's outdoor coach of the year. Johnson has also steered NSU to SLC indoor crowns in 1993, 1998 and 2001, along with winning outdoor titles in 1993, 1999 and this year. The last honor involves the Lady Demon track team and the 2002 NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships at Louisiana State University's Bernie Moore Stadium. Senior Camille Pouncy and sophmore Brittany Littlejohn competed for Northwestern State in preliminary heats of the semifinals, while sophomore Stephanie Sowell competed in her specialty, the triple jump.

Nall signs with Green Bay; Llorens signs with New York

Former NSU football standout and Alexandria native Craig Nall was inked by the Green Bay Packers on July 22. Nall was selected as the 29th pick of the fifth round. He was picked 164 overall. Nall is not the only former Demon turned professional in 2002. Former NSU Demon cornerback Kendrick Llorens signed with the New York Giants during the NFL draft. Both Nall and Llorens will receive the National Football League's minimum salary of $650,000 with a signing bonus of $125,000.





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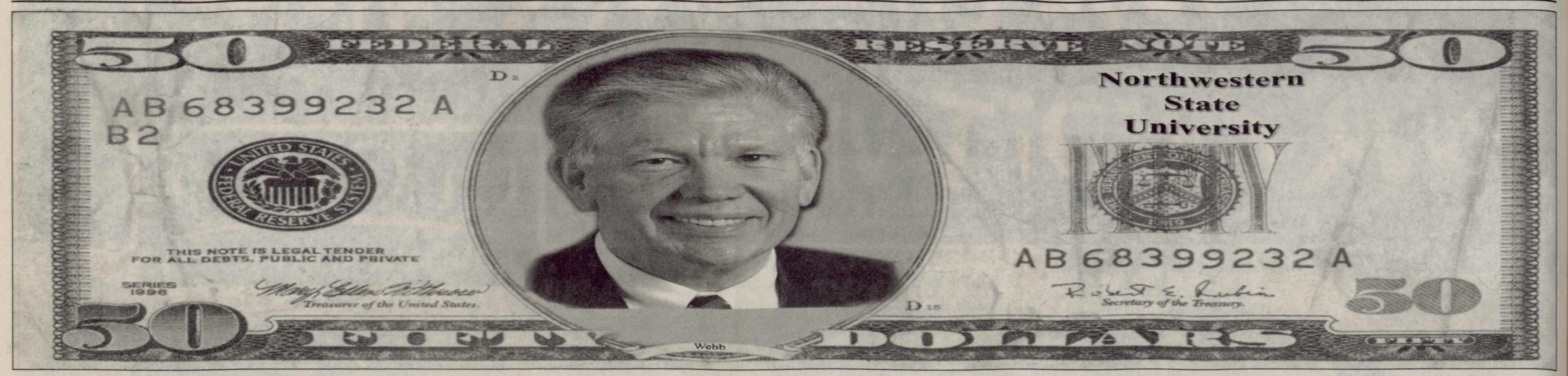


ASSESS THIS: stretching your dollars at NSU

Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

Student assessed fees can burden anyone's bank account. The question is, do you know what you are paying for?

Money is hard to come by. My father said money doesn't grow on trees, but if you think about it, money does really grow on trees or money was once a tree. In any case money is hard to come by.

It doesn't take a genius to know that money has a tendency to deplete faster than it can be saved, especially when students pay fees, which is what I would like to discuss; a fleecing of University students, if you will.

Both full and part-time University students pay the student-assessed fees. Students, at some point during Northwestern State University's 118 years of education, voted on the present fees making them partially cemented into the University's association fees. These fees can be removed only by a referendum via the Student Government Association and then by a vote of the student body. They can be changed.

So what are these fees that we pay for you ask? Let me reiterate that the *Current Sauce* is "dedicated to serving the students of Northwestern State University," so I will carry the burden of listing the fees. I warn you my commentary may seem biased.

The student-assessed fees are public information and can be acquired by visiting the office of Dan Seymour, the Vice President of Student Affairs. The office is located on the second floor of the Student Union.

After looking over the fees, the ones I question the most are the Rodeo Team, intramurals and the Student Union programs fees.

First there is the rodeo fee. I would have no problem paying this fee if I saw an active Rodeo Team. I have nothing against cowboys, but when is the last time we heard of the team competing or even winning an award. I would like to think the *Current Sauce* is a well-informed news medium at NSU.

The next fee in question would be the intramurals. I love sports and I think we should have nice stuff. I do not even mind paying the $75 Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center fee. I do not, however, agree to paying a $5 fee for a room in Rapides Dormitory, which is no bigger than my office, filled with weights. Students do not even have a gym they can use to play volleyball, basketball, do aerobics, etc.

Third and finally there is the Student Union programs fee, which translates into the Student Activities Board fee. Hopefully Quincy Spencer will do a better job budgeting this fee. I am not a math major, but let me try some for the sake of validity for this column. Last spring over 9,000 students were enrolled at NSU and each student gave $10. The product of this equation is roughly $90,000, correct? Question: why didn't we have a spring concert? Did the SAB budget too much money on t-shirts for their fall events?

I hate to ruffle feathers with University organizations, but these are things we should pay more attention to. So a warning to those who are fleecing University students (i.e. food services and bookstores) you could be the next victim of an editorial.

Oh, and welcome first year students and you cagey veterans, to NSU for another year of fun with the *Current Sauce*. Thanks for reading and remember we put out once a week.

NSU STUDENT ASSESSED FEES

	Full-time students	Part-time students
■ Artist Series	$0.75	$0.75
■ Recreation Complex Facility	$5	$0
■ SGA Activity	$2.25	$0
■ Potpourri	$20	$0
■ Current Sauce	$3	$3
■ Argus	$1	$1
■ KNWD	$3	$3
■ Student Drama	$1	$1
■ Union Board Drama	$1	$1
■ Intramurals	$5	$0
■ Rodeo Team	$1	$0
■ Student Union Programs	$10	$10
■ Alumni	$0.50	$0.50
■ Club Sports	$2	$0
■ Natchitoches Student Association Speaker Program	$1	$0
■ Rowing Team	$2	$0
■ Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center	$75	$75
■ Total	$133.50	$95.25

UNCOMMON GROUND

Revelations

Dave Knox
Sauce columnist

For a while now, I've wanted to write a column to discuss issues that don't always seem to make the "front page", at least not in a positive manner. After reading over an editorial I wrote in April 2000 entitled "On Being Gay," I decided that the time had come to put a face and voice to those thoughts I had written about so long ago.

I decided that it was time to take a more active role and to get people talking. After all, what better place to open up such a forum than a university campus, where open minds and critical thinking thrive (or so I hope). I'm not quite sure where this forum will go, but my objective is to spark discussion and address some of these "hidden" issues.

I also want to dispel some myths and provide some enlightenment to the eager, opening minds of NSU's students.

Be aware! Some of the issues I plan to discuss will be controversial to some. However, the key is to provide constructive feedback to keep the forum on an academic level.

I also plan to give a voice to students out there that don't always fit "the norm". (Whatever that is!) In the end, I hope we find that our differences such as skin color, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation and gender do not make up an uncommon ground but rather forms a common ground, where intolerance, prejudice and hatred have no foot to stand.

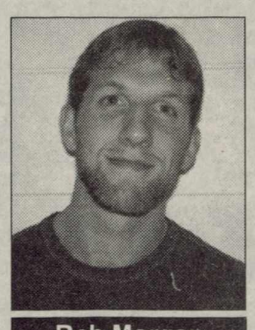
If you have any questions, comments or topic ideas,
feel free to write me at NSUinqueery@hotmail.com.

Next topic...

The Homosexual Agenda.

WORDS OF WISDOM: Part I

Things first year students should know



Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

Welcome, incoming freshman. Ignoring the part of you that will eventually drop out to seek their fame and fortune in the seal slave trade in Antarctica, I start my first in a series of articles offering a few tips to enhance your scholastic and social careers while here at glorious NSU. A school that proudly boasts the slogan, "Where the students come first." Or my own variation of the slogan, "Where the students hopefully come somewhere around third, but usually not at all because of all the bureaucratic malarkey that pervades this once sanctimonious institution."

Tip #1: Do not upset the secretaries at this school. You have not yet realized the power these seemingly meek women hold. They are the proverbial axe hitting the chopping block when it comes to action around campus. If you feel yourself about to slip and tell one of them to 'go blow a goat'—and you will—run out immediately. Always keep your composure because these women not only hold access to the university's higher ups, they hold access to your grades. Do not upset these women. They may seem old and feeble, but under the surface lies years of pent up rage and bitterness.

Tip #2: There is this thing called an adviser, you might want to use it. Someone told me they help students take the proper amount of hours to ensure a prompt graduation date. I'm not quite sure about this mythical beast, but one of these advisers would have come in handy about year six of my college career. Currently, I have a totally of 358 hours, but I'm still somehow lacking 124 hours to graduate. I don't know how I did this, but I bet an adviser could tell me.

Tip #3: And this tip goes along with the latter, when planning your schedule do not go overboard. Some students make 18 and a 21-hour schedule with a twinkle in their eye, but it is not necessary to overload yourself. An administrator at Northwestern handed me this scheduling idea: 12 hours in the fall, 12 hours in the spring, and 6 hours in the summer. I can hear students groaning already about summer school, but this scheduling strategy is the optimal way to go through school. It allows for two definite outcomes; great grades and plenty of time to soak up a most excellent college experience. PARTY ON, DUDES!

Tip #4: Read the *Current Sauce*, the official on-campus publication for the student body of Northwestern State University. Some may say it sucks and others may say we misquote people and make them look like morons. Not true. Morons make themselves look like morons. We just help them along by making it widely known through our humble paper.

Yes, incoming students of NSU the *Current Sauce* is here to serve you. We pledge to keep you—the student—informed of campus activities and news. We will cover campus sports, Greek activities and anything happening with the confines of this university that is fit to print; in order, to bring you the best campus newspaper we can. The only thing we ask in return is to read it. And we love feedback, so if there is something you do not like just send us a letter, and we will try our best to fix it.

So stay tuned and plugged in, fellow students, and I will provide essential and humorous information for the college survival.

To a robber: next time do better

Kristen Dauzat
L&E Editor

The start of every school year is always a little hectic, but I think it's been pretty inconvenient for me and other robbery victims.

When it rains, it pours, and it sure poured down on my sorority. Let me tell you all what happened.

The week before school started, prospective female members participated in formal recruitment in order to join a sorority. On one of the days, the unthinkable happened. A thief came into one of the classrooms and robbed over 20 of our members. Items such as money, credit cards, and bank account numbers were taken from our purses. It is also suspected that popcorn was eaten from one of our members lunch bags. How absurd! This event has caused my sisters and I many inconveniences.

Let me tell the "robber" what has been going on.

First, I had to cancel all of my credit cards, just in case YOU decided to go tear the mall up and have a shopping spree with my cards. I also had to cancel two of my bank accounts in order to make sure YOU did not write any "hot" checks. I had one check missing from my purse, ONE. If your going to be a good THIEF, you should have taken the whole checkbook! As for the rest, I had to drive to Alexandria on my day off to open up another checking account. I had no money, because everything had been cancelled; I don't carry cash.

One of my checks that was already out (before the incident) bounced at Chef Wok. The employees at Chef Wok had no sympathy for me; all I wanted to do was pay for my meal. They yelled at me because of the check that was going to bounce. Not to mention that I starved for a few days because of your dirty act.

Whoever this robber is, needs to come clean and

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To a robber

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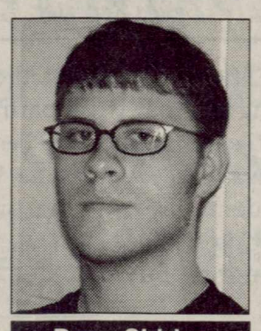
give everyone back our stuff! I hope I find out who you are, because when I do, you will pay.

I am very frustrated with the thefts that are going on at this school. Of people that I know on this campus, I have learned of 2 other robberies. This is just since the beginning of the fall semester. Who is doing such dastardly deeds? I think it's pathetic that this "thief" has to stoop to such a level of trash. I am so disappointed with the safety on this campus. We reported this incident to University police. I got to fill out an insignificant report. Fingerprints weren't even taken! I think that much more could be done. I also did not get any feedback with this matter from the police.

I would like to let all of the students know that there are many thieves on this campus. Please keep watch of your purses, bags, expensive equipment, cars etc. at all times. Unfortunately, this campus is no longer safe. I would like to see a change in this; I am even willing to help. If you or someone you know has information about the "Fall Recruitment" robbery, please let me know. Please contact Kristen Dauzat at 357-5456.

Books No More

COMICS FROM PAGE TO SILVER SCREEN



Drew Shirley
Sauce Columnist

Great storytelling isn't always found in the most obvious places.

If you look hard enough, you might be able to find the book *Maus* by Art Spigelman. It's worth the search. *Maus* is a poignant and moving look at the Jewish experience during the Holocaust, which, unlike many other books on the subject, is both honest and heartfelt in its portrayal of its characters, their relationships, and their plight. In fact, many critics regard *Maus* to be a classic of unequaled storytelling.

That being the case, you may find it somewhat odd that you've never heard of *Maus*. Don't worry, not many people have. Even fewer people have actually taken the time to read it.

So if *Maus* is such a compelling work, why has it been neglected by the public at large?

Because despite all its literary merit, *Maus* is a graphic novel featuring animals instead of humans, and in telling a story with sequential art and word balloons, it falls under the much maligned designation of "comic book".

Yes, comic book. Those two words instantly bring to mind images of obnoxiously drawn superheros, brightly colored spandex costumes, confusing plot lines, and obsessive, antisocial collectors. In the America of today, the words "comic book" do not carry a positive connotation.

People in our society hear those words and automatically think of juvenile, lowbrow entertainment. They see something that has little to no artistic merit or storytelling value, and is essentially a slowly dying industry that has been hanging around for far too long.

This belief is also similar to assuming that all modem television is like "Dennis the Menace" or all modern movies take the same tone as "Mary Poppins". In short, the world of comics has evolved quite a bit in the past 15 years.

Yes, those superhero books still dominate the shelves, but in between the racks upon racks of soulless publications, there are a growing number of titles that not only present mature stories and wonderful art, but also cater to people from all walks of life.

There are books such as Terry Moore's *Stranger's in Paradise*, which deals with the complexities of relationships between men and women in a satirical fashion. At the opposing end of the spectrum is *100 Bullets* which deals with the dark and violent side of human nature. Neil Gaiman's *The Sandman*, is a brooding fantasy that creates an entire self-contained mythology, weaving a complex character study. To put it simply, there is a comic book for everyone, although it may take a little searching to find it.

As another testament to all the new stories and styles in the comic industry, is that many of them are creeping in to other forms of mainstream media.

The Academy Award nominated film "Ghost World," which is based on the comic about two teenage girls finding their place in the world, was written and drawn by Daniel Clowes.

The recent Tom Hanks film "Road to Perdition" was not only a dark tale about the relationships between fathers and sons in gangland Chicago, but was also based on the critically acclaimed graphic novel by Max Allan Collins.

Yes, before it was a movie, it was a comic book.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Christy ♥ Daigle, will you marry me?

Hi my name is Brandon Gregg and I am a student at McNeese. The girl that has held my heart for over a year and a half now attends Northwestern. I miss her tremendously. I don't know if you all know what it feels like to love and be in love with someone and not even be able to hold them when they are down, or celebrate with them when they are happy. But I will tell you now it doesn't feel good. I need this girl so much. She is my everything. I really hope you add this in your paper so she can see it. Christy Daigle, I love you more than anyone else ever will. And thanks for all the good times.

Will you marry me!

Brandon Gregg

How I want to be remembered

Brian Jarreau
Sauce Columnist

Y'all wouldn't believe how hard it is to write an editorial that might actually touch someone and make them think for a minute. I was reading some past issues of my high school paper when I came across an article written by an old friend. I don't know where she got it, but when I read it, it really hit close to home. Maybe it's because I'm one of those sentimental saps and all the great people I've met here and made friends with will someday scatter like dust in the wind.

If you were to die tomorrow, how would you want to be remembered? I read this and then I repeated it out loud. I thought hard about this and I said it again. In fact in the times of early British culture, before Great Britain even existed, warriors were remembered by what they did and what they achieved. They were glorified by their peers with stories of their courage and wisdom. This is how they were remembered and how they lived on. How would I like to be remembered? Certainly not by appearance or a roll in a show (or the lack there of). Not by my grades, or what I wore, or my car, or whose party I was at this weekend. Rather by my words and my deeds. Believe it or not I do say a few things every once in a while that actually have merit, as do we all. I know that over my years I've remembered the words of a few great people. In some cases no matter how hard I try forget. We all say and do things that make us who we are, and as time wares on we tend to remember people from our past, and how they affected our lives.

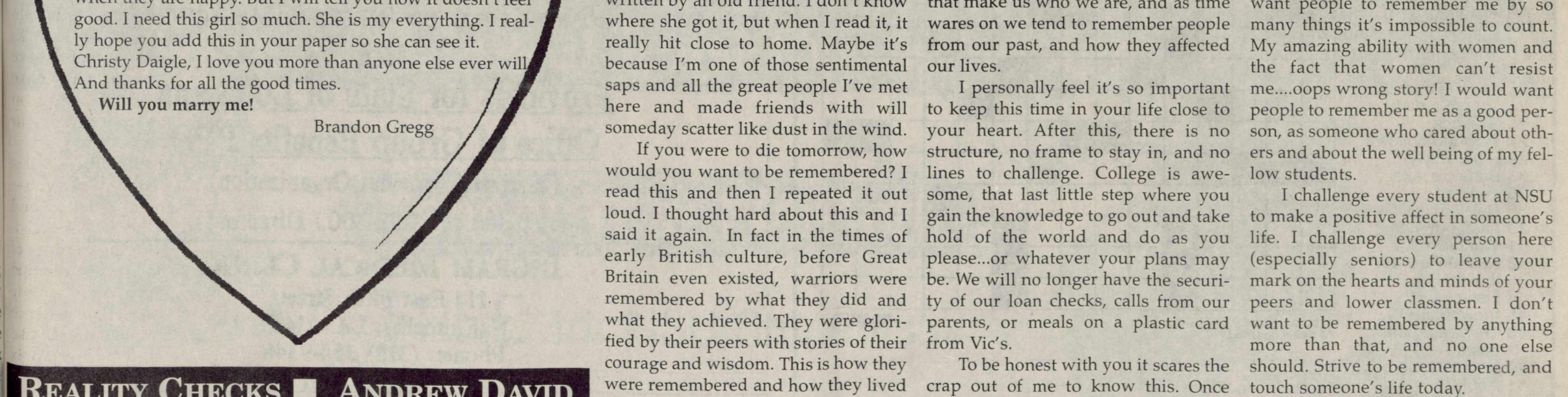
I personally feel it's so important to keep this time in your life close to your heart. After this, there is no structure, no frame to stay in, and no lines to challenge. College is awesome, that last little step where you gain the knowledge to go out and take hold of the world and do as you please...or whatever your plans may be. We will no longer have the security of our loan checks, calls from our parents, or meals on a plastic card from Vic's.

To be honest with you it scares the crap out of me to know this. Once you're out of college you're almost directionless, unless you're one of those people who actually have it all together.

But this is a little off the subject. What I was trying to point out to you was that no matter what, you will always have the now and nothing more. I urge every single person at NSU to take hold of this opportunity and ride it for all it's worth. Do something that people will remember. If I knew I was to die tomorrow I would want people to remember me by so many things it's impossible to count. My amazing ability with women and the fact that women can't resist me....oops wrong story! I would want people to remember me as a good person, as someone who cared about others and about the well being of my fellow students.

I challenge every student at NSU to make a positive affect in someone's life. I challenge every person here (especially seniors) to leave your mark on the hearts and minds of your peers and lower classmen. I don't want to be remembered by anything more than that, and no one else should. Strive to be remembered, and touch someone's life today.

REALITY CHECKS ■ ANDREW DAVID



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Baneful books for billions of BUCKS

Photo by Glenn Ward
With hopes of boosting the economy, or covering revenue losses, textbook prices have soared, and students are suffering.

By Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter

Why do textbooks cost so much money?

Why is it that a student can pay $100 for a book and the next semester, it's worth nothing? How many, if any, professors are aware of the prices for the books they choose? Why do book prices differ so greatly between stores? Is there anything students can do to change the situation or should we just learn to accept it as the cost of an education?

Instead of complaining-and we *all* complain-have you ever stopped to think why?

We did.

Over the next few weeks the *Current Sauce* will be examining the process that a textbook goes through to end up in your hands. From the reason a book is chosen, to it reaching the bookstore, to how much you pay for it and the buy back process.

Photo courtesy Jana Freeman
NSU student Micah Wilson spins in the DJ booth at The Pinnacle. He will soon release his second cd. He has also performed throughout the United States. You can read his story next week in the L&E section.

EOS festival:

A NEW and FREE addition to Natchitoches

By Kyle Carter
Sauce Reporter

In the middle of the juggling act that is preparing for the semester, the EOS Fest is waiting to happen. While students are running around getting classes straight, buying books, and meeting new faces, Adam Carter is setting up a local music festival called the End of Summer Festival.

EOS Festival
Sept. 7, 2002
12:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Featuring:

I Don't Know
Junior
Kelvin
Sub-Three
Unhinged
Verbatim
Zack the Rookie

Carter, a Broadcast Journalism major at NSU, is hoping to draw a large crowd to the show. He is hoping to get enough people to allow the show to become a regular act in the city.

Slated to run this Saturday from noon to 10:30 p.m., Carter says, "With a large turn out the show can continue next year."

This is not the first time a festival like this has been put on in Natchitoches.

Though this is the first time Carter has done this festival, West Fontenot, bass player of the band Junior, has done an earlier version of the show called Summer Fest.

The over all goal of EOS Fest, as was that of Summer Fest, is to promote local music.

EOS boasts bands like Junior, which recently played in Dallas at the Warped Tour and at a show in Shreveport with Better Than Ezra. The show will also include local favorites such as Kelvin and Sub-Three. With these bands, the festival seems to have a power packed line up sure to draw a crowd.

Sponsoring the show are Body Language, Sam Goody and Johnny Earthquake and the Moon Dogs. One thing Carter wants people to know is that the show is free.

Carter plans on vendors selling concessions throughout the show. Also, the staff of Body Language will be on hand to meet the crowd.

Cara Ranieri, owner of Body Language, said about EOS Fest that it "felt [like] it was a unique opportunity to become a part of the up and coming Natchitoches music scene." The staff is looking forward to seeing acts from Zack the Rookie and Sub-Three.

Jacob Rechal, tattoo artist and piercer at Body Language, said "Natchitoches needs something like this." He is hoping the show will attract attention to the city as well as to Body Language.

Being held at the Cane River stage on Front Street, it will give students a chance to see and mingle with local talent of all kinds. Also, the show is free, so there will be no huge charges to sit around all day and meet new people.

Outside NSU

What's going on in Natchitoches:

Friday:
Brown Bag Lunch Concert- 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m. Fleur de Lis stage

Verbatim- 10:00 p.m. The Body. $3 cover

80's Night- Yesterdays. $5 cover

The Snakeskin Cowboys-9:30 p.m. The Ole Fort Pub. $3 cover

Saturday:
EOS festival-12:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Cane River Stage (Front Street)

Topless car wash-9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Campus Corner parking lot

If you know of an event that you would like to see listed, please contact Kristen Dauzat at 357-5456 or email:kristen@kristendauzat.com

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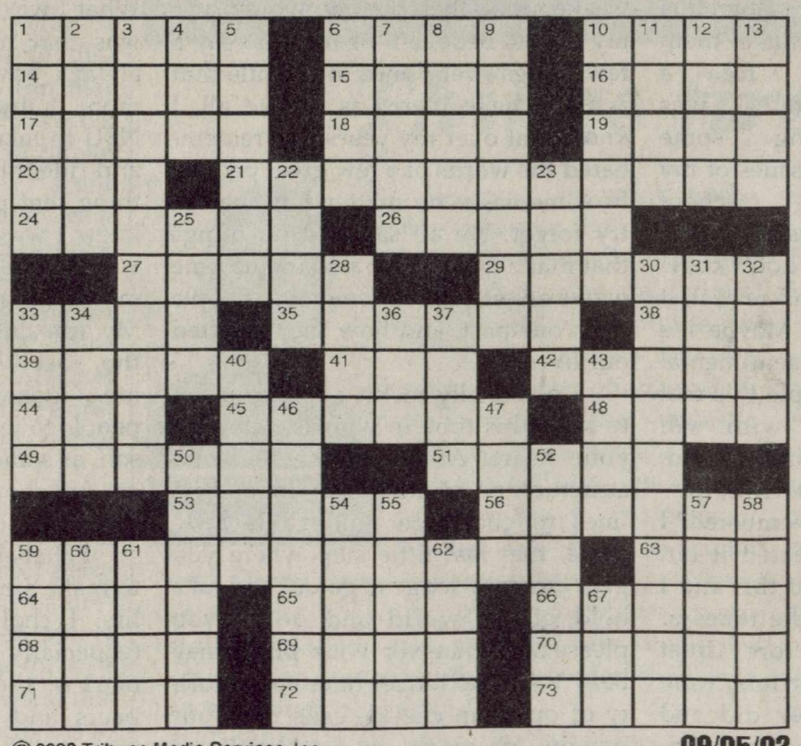

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Earn money for college!

The Natchitoches Queens Pageant is seeking applicants for the Miss City of Lights competition on Sunday, Sept. 29 on the NSU campus.

The winner receives a NSU tuition scholarhsip, cash scholarship and other prizes and awards.

The pageant is open to ladies between the ages of 18 and 24 who are attending a Louisiana college or university. The pageant serves as a preliminary to the Miss Louisiana/Miss America Pageant.

To enter the pageant, call Nona Jordan at (318) 352-2098.

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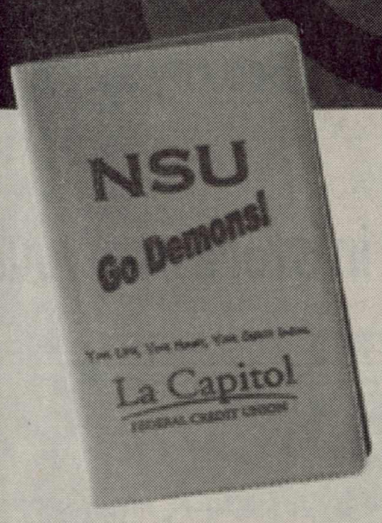

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NSU Volleyball: A look into the Lady Demon 2002 season

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Discipline and determination are what the NSU Volleyball team is showing this season.

The team begins their season at the Arkansas State Tournament August 30 and 31. The NSU Volleyball team won four out of five games against Belmont University and two out of five against Arkansas State. The win against Belmont marks the 99th win for the team this season.

Lady Demon player Christina Stone was awarded All-Tournament during the Arkansas State Tournament.

" It feels great to win All-Tournament, but I couldn't have done it without the coaches and my teammates," says Stone.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Christina Stone returns the volley during practice.

The Lady Demon Volleyball team practices each day from 3-5pm in Prather Coliseum. The new season has brought in a new coaching staff and five new players. Bernnize Fonseca, a native of Pharr, Texas, is one of the recruited players new to the team.

"The transition from high school to college was very competitive," says Fonseca. " I was nervous at first, but I had a lot of support from my coaches and teammates."

Despite the minor injuries of players such as Flavia Belo, of Brazil, and Indiana native Becky David, the team remains positive during this season.

"This is a very disciplined group. They have so much respect for the staff and coaches. This is the first time I had a chance to coach a team that gets along so well," says Coach Leigh Davis.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 6 Northwestern State Tournament	Oct. 8 Centenary
Sept. 7 Northwestern State Tournament	**Oct. 11 Texas-San Antonio***
Sept. 10 Louisiana Tech	**Oct. 12 Southwest Texas State***
Sept. 10 Grambling @ Ruston	**Oct. 18 Texas Arlington***
Sept. 13 Western Illinois Tournament	Oct. 22 Louisiana-Monroe*
Sept. 14 Western Illinois Tournament	Oct. 25 Stephen F. Austin*
Sept. 17 Centenary	Oct. 26 Sam Houston*
Sept. 17 Louisiana-Monroe*	Nov. 1 Nicholls State*
Sept. 20 Stephen F. Austin*	**Nov. 2 Southeastern La.Homecoming***
Sept. 20 Sam Houston*	**Nov. 8 McNeese State***
Sept. 27 Nicholls State*	**Nov. 9 Lamar***
Sept. 28 Southeastern Louisiana*	Nov. 12 Texas-Arlington*
Oct. 4 McNeese State*	Nov. 15 Southwest Texas*
Oct. 5 Lamar*	Nov. 16 Texas-San Antonio*

Southland Conference Tournament (Nov. 22-24)

Homes Games in **BOLD**
*Southland Conference games
For match times: **www.nsudemons.com**

From the team idiot...

Thursday televised games: What a wonderful idea. HI MOM!

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

The traditional weekend of the pigskin is facing an end. The days of high school ball on Friday, collegiate ball on Saturday, and professionals taking the stage on Sunday has the likelihood of being disrupted if school administrators give the "nod" to move three more games to Thursday.

There is no official confirmation on the move, but Doug Ireland, director of sports information, gives the day of the week slide a good chance.

NSU's opener against Delta State was moved to accommodate the Labor Day break. But the next three games are being considered as a move to gain regional television coverage.

This potential coverage on Fox Sports Southwest will include five states and a few million viewers watching our boys in purple beating the hell out of teams at home and once on the road.

Games that will be effected are homes games against Southwest Texas and Sam Houston and an away game at Nicholls State.

A change in the schedule could reap many benefits for the school and the city. Exposure is the principal benefit of the coverage. New students, new consumers, new tourists; and opening our universities up to a wider range of students is vital with the approaching switch to selective admissions.

In the interest of the student, think of a Thursday night...you catch a game with your friends or fellow Greeks, have a hella-time watching the Demons romp, and then party at your club of choice; hopefully, enjoying drink specials thanks to a Demon victory.

Overall the best reason for the day change is the added coverage. It is about damn time NSU athletics gain the well-deserved recognition for successful programs.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
The Demon Dazzlers at Wednesdays pep rally. Dazzlers are a spirit leading group that will gain exposure through the possible move to Thursday and televised games.

Saturday, September 7
Independence Stadium
(Shreveport)

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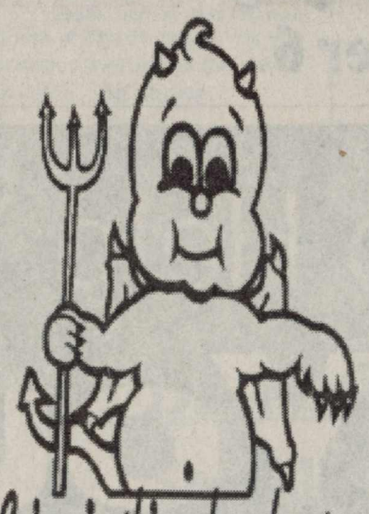

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SPORTS

Demons battle Bears and Eagles in the NSU/Best Western Classic...OH MY!

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Brittany Hung, #9, scored in games played against Mercer University and Tennessee Tech.

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons soccer team held it's own at this weekend's NSU/Best Western classic as a surge of new blood, led by freshman Ashley Hadley, staked their claim on a promising new season.

NSU opened the tournament with a 5-0 World Cup-style execution of the Macon, Georgia-based Mercer University Bears, with freshman Bryndie Maag firing shot right past the Mercer defense 31 minutes into the game to give the Lady Demons a 1-0 lead.

The Bears had less then 10 minutes to recover when freshman Brittany Hung received an assist from Jennifer Robbins and gave it a one way ticket to the back of the goal, earning the Lady Demons a 2-0 lead.

That set up the second half as a confident Lady Demon squad took the field to finish the job on Mercer.

21 minutes into the second half Hadley stepped up to the job and blasted in both of her goals two minutes apart to cut the legs out from under Mercer.

With the Bears crippled and gasping for air all that was left to do was to pull the plug. Enter Hillarie Marshall

Marshall knocked a header off a corner kick from Jacquai Lawerence to give the Lady Demons their fifth goal and Mercer a reason to never show its face in public again.

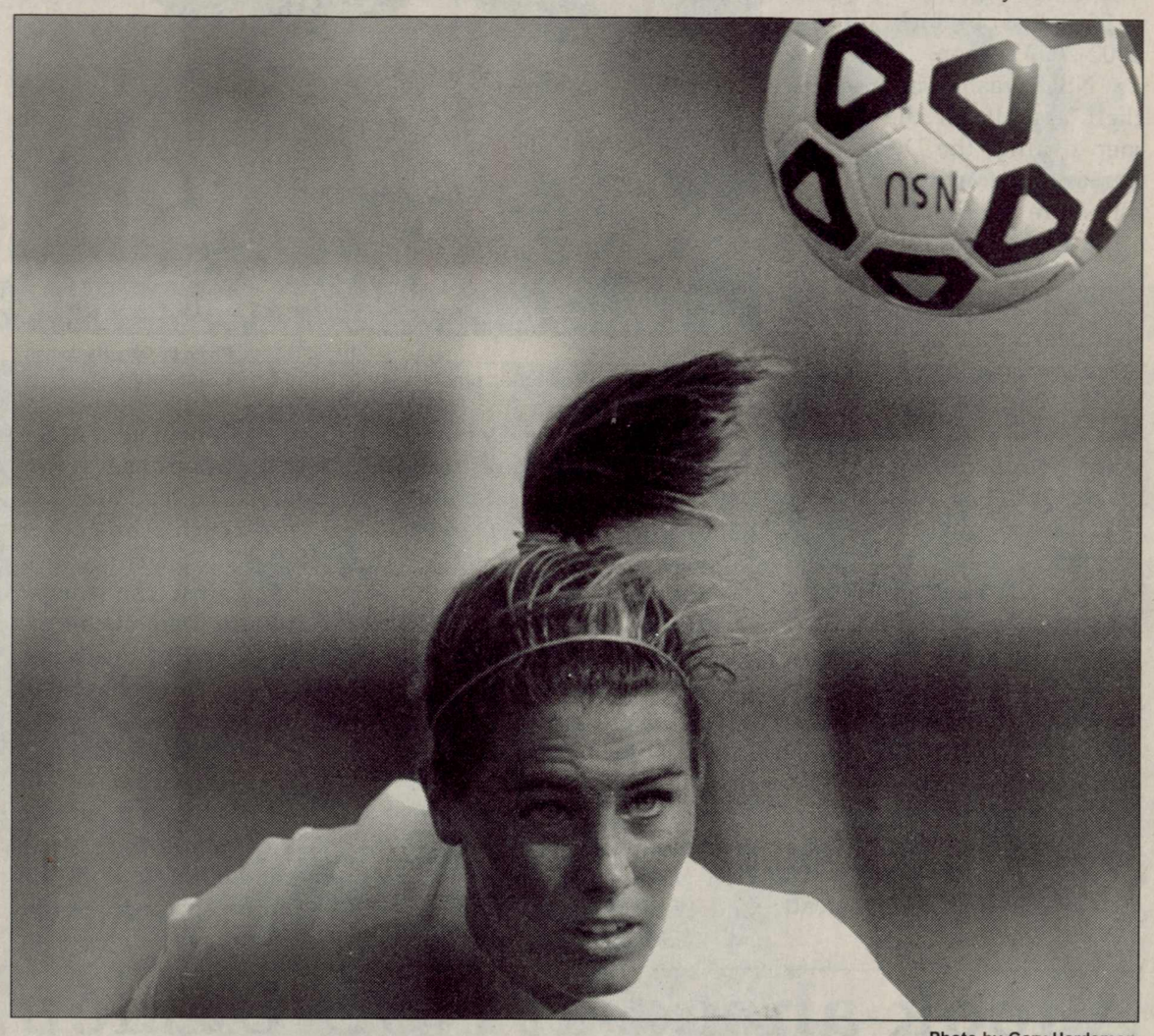
With Mercer disposed of the Lady Demons set their eyes on the Lady Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech, fresh off their win against Centenary.

It was a battle of defense with goalkeepers Nellie Latolais of NSU and Lisa Wourms of Tennessee Tech combining for a total of 17 saves. Latolais clocked in with nine and Wourms with eight.

On the offensive side, Hung struck a blow for NSU 21 minutes into the first half on an assist from Rachel Villo. NSU had an opportunity to extend its lead, but was denied due to an offsides call.

Like a viper lying in wait, Tech sought to take advantage of NSU's misfortune and did so by rallying to score a goal in the second half tying the game. Neither team was able to score afterwards and the game ended in a 1-1 tie. NSU finished the tournament with a final tally of 1-0-1.

The Lady Demons move on this week playing Mississippi State Lady Bulldogs Friday as part of three-week series of road games with no home games for the Lady Demons until Sept. 21 against the Arkansas State Lady Indians.



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Jacquie Lawrence, #19, takes a header during the NSU/Best Western Classic. She had an assist in the game against Mercer to Hillarie Marshall.

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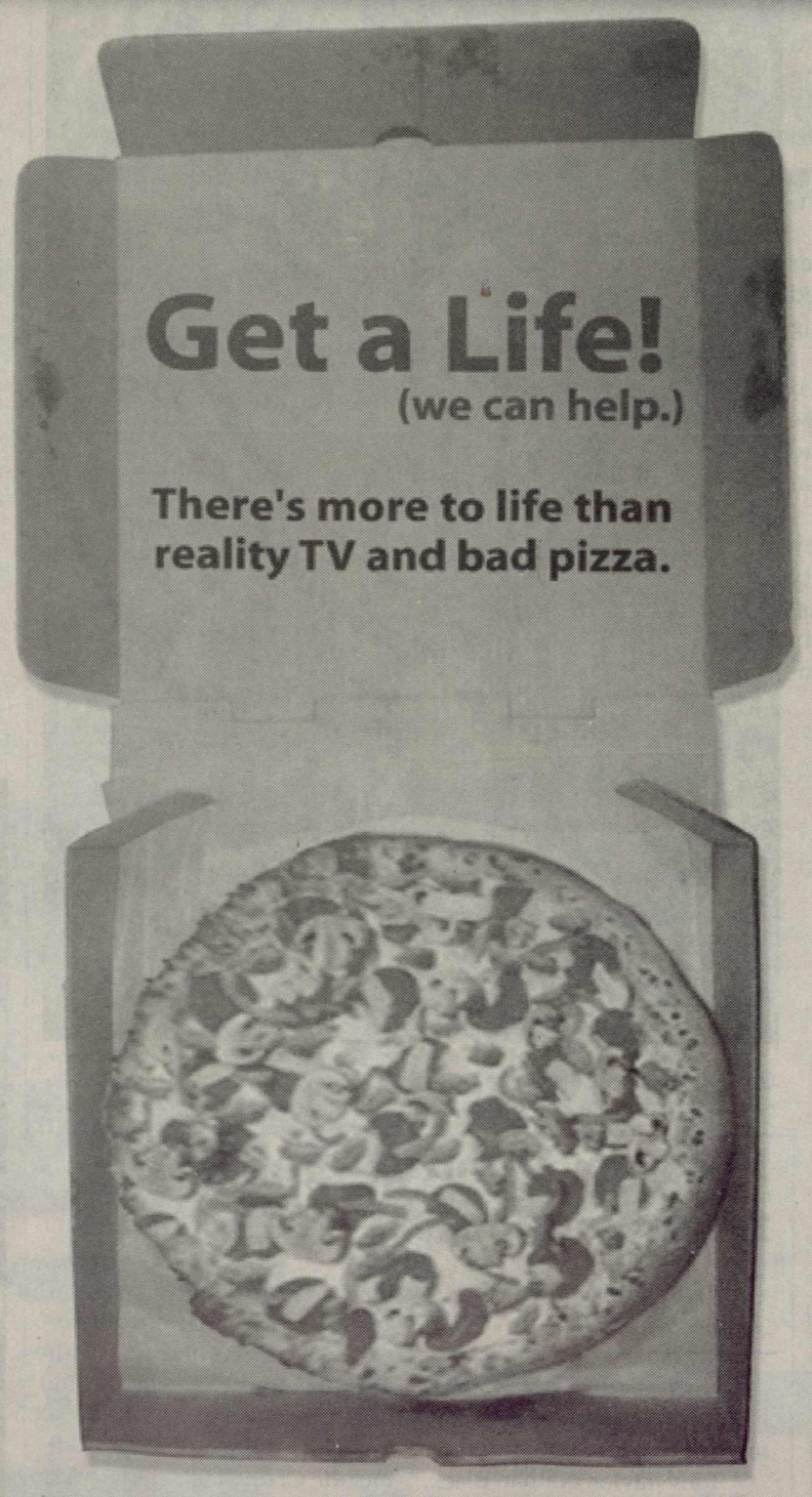

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Northwestern opens season by crushing Delta State

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

They came, they saw, they ran away with their tails between their legs.

So much for the Delta State football team after the NSU Demons took the Statesmen to the woodshed Thursday night, handing out a 35-7 loss to kick off the 2002-2003 season.

NSU wasted no time in their assault on the Statesmen drilling the Delta State defense for four touchdowns all before the first half.

8,456 screaming Demon fans witnessed the dynamic duo of senior quarterbacks Ben Beach and Kevin Magee who combined for a total 17 of 22 completions, 253 passing yards, and three touchdown completions.

Magee played the first two series before Beach blasted a 78-yard bomb that found wide receiver Freddie Harrison at the three-yard line.

That reception set up the elementary touchdown between Beach and senior wide receiver Devon Lockett.

Beach tacked up another TD when he found tight end John Gilpin eight yards out to stretch the Demons lead over Delta State.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Linebacker Kurt Rodriguez crashes into a Delta State Statesman.

Adding to the Demons' offensive assault were freshmen running backs Shelton Sampson and Derrick Johnese.

Sampson drilled the Delta State defense for 92 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns, including a 1-yard run off a blocked punt by freshman corner back Brian McMillan.

Not to be outdone, Johnese broke through for a two-yard touchdown run and 42 all-purpose yards.

The Demons were able to gain an additional advantage against the Statesmen as former Demon football star and new head coach Scott Stoker employed psychological warfare against the enemy by sitting the Demons on the visitor's sideline, thereby placing the Statesmen in front of the rabid NSU student section.

"...If our students will make it difficult on them (the opposing team) where they can't get anything done on the sideline, procedure-wise it's a huge advantage for us... That was one of the main reasons I did it," Stoker said.

Of course, the best offense is a good defense and no one knew that better Thursday night than the Demons as they held the Division IIA powerhouse Delta State to an impotent 169 yards.

The Demon defense was spearheaded by senior linebacker Roy Locks who slammed Delta State quarterback Brian Beil to the ground three times racking up three quarterback sacks in game.

The Demons will not have an opportunity to bask in the glory of victory very long though, as they prepare for the Shreveport Port City Classic against the Southern University Jaguars Saturday.

"We've gotta' be able to run the football. We've gotta' be able to find a way to run it. We didn't run the ball as well as I had liked to (against Delta State),"Stoker, former Demon football star and new head coach, said about the upcoming contest.

Stoker added saying he thinks the Demons will be ready and that they'll have to stay focused and take it "week by week."

NSU Football Schedule

Sept. 7	Southern University @ Shreveport	
Sept. 14	**Henderson State**	
Sept. 21	Georgia	
Sept. 28	Open	
Oct. 5	**Elon**	
Oct. 12	**Southwest Texas**	⬭
Oct. 19	Open	
Oct. 26	Nicholls	⬭
Nov. 2	**Sam Houston**	⬭
Nov. 9	Jacksonville State	⬭
Nov. 16	**McNeese**	⬭
Nov. 23	Stephen F. Austin	⬭
Nov. 30	First Round of Playoffs	

Homes Games in **BOLD**
⬭ Southland Conference Game
All times TBA

Stoker thanks NSU's Twelfth Man

Stoker

Thanks to the students and their friends who were our 12th man in the stands for our opening game last Thursday night. Our band was great, our student section was rowdy and I know from talking to the Delta State coaches after the game that you all made a difference.

I want to take this opportunity to explain why your team is now on the west sideline, and how important you are to this strategy.

The number one reason we moved across the field is because the student body can be a great asset to our team. The noise you make in the student section DOES have an impact on the game. Not only do our players hear you supporting them, but the other team and coaches hear, too.

When you're making that noise right above the visiting team's sideline, I can tell you it really causes problems for the other guys. Our players have told me how difficult in past seasons it was to hear on our sideline, when the coaches and players were trying to make adjustments.

The last thing we want is for you to be calm and quiet. We want you to enjoy the game. Be rowdy and noisy. With the visiting team right in front of you, the noise you make becomes a problem for them and an advantage for us.

Have fun with it. Keep it clean, because just like on the field, there are rules you have to follow. But you can make all the noise your lungs can create (no artificial noisemakers; there's another one of those rules), and give all the advice you want to the other team's coaches and players.

Also - we have a game Saturday night. It's in Shreveport, where we have a nursing school that serves over 1,000 students. It's an hour away. You can buy a ticket for $10 in advance, by noon Friday, at our ticket office in the fieldhouse (357-4268).

When I was playing and going to school at NSU, we played in Shreveport every year, and it was awesome. It's a big time stadium and it was always a fun weekend.

There's a brand-new downtown entertainment district under the Texas Street Bridge next to the Shreveport casinos, with restaurants and clubs that you probably haven't had a chance to try yet. This is the time!

The Demon football team hopes you come to Independence Stadium and enjoy our game Saturday night against Southern. Kickoff is 6.

Get there early, beat the traffic. Be our 12th man, help us win, and then go have some fun!

Thanks again, and GO DEMONS!

Scott Stoker
Head Football Coach
NSU '91

A look ahead at NSU Demon Football

Stoker and team take a look at burgeoning season and possible changes

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demon football team anticipates positive game results for the new season ahead.

First year Demon head Coach Scott Stoker has some tactics in mind to ensure a successful season. Stoker said that offense is good, but could use improvement.

"Our defense is more mature because we have more seniors on defense and less on offense," Stoker said. "It'll take some time, but I think we'll have the opportunity to work on offense and speed up this process."

The Demons are looking forward to this season with Stoker as the new head coach. The team appreciates his 'no nonsense' attitude and thinks that this attitude will produce wanted results this season.

Senior running back Jeremy Lofton is enthusiastic about Stoker's approach.

"Coach Stoker is straightforward and doesn't candy coat anything," Lofton said. "He truly loves the game of football and his experience and drive are motivating."

In addition to a new season and a new coach, the Demons can look forward to television broadcasts of the games. Some of the Saturday scheduled home games could be moved to Thursdays so they can be aired on television.

Senior wide receiver Freddie Harrison is pleased with the idea of broadcasting the games.

"The games were moved to Thursday night so that we could be on television and we're anticipating a good season," Harrison said.

The Demons will take on the Southern University Jaguars in the Port City Classic at 6p.m. Saturday in Shreveport at the Independence Stadium.

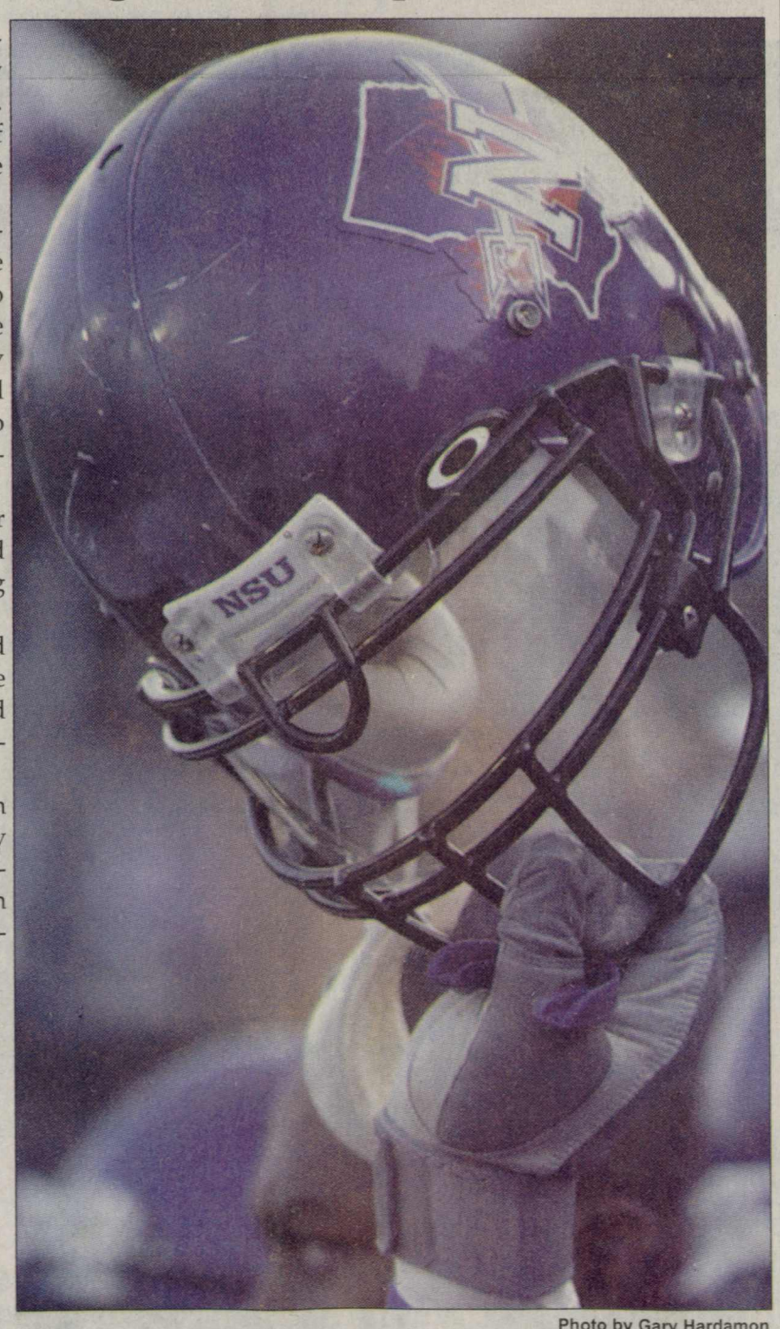

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Demon helmets raise after the Delta State victory. The Demons meet Southern University in the Port City Classic on Saturday.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Shelton Sampson evades opponent during last Thursdays game. NSU beat Delta State 35-7.

Former Demons get cut from respected NFL teams

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

NFL teams waived three former Northwestern State football players Sunday.

Tony Taylor, Nathan Black, and Keith Thibodeaux were waived by their respective teams leaving just four Demons on opening week rosters.

Taylor, a second-year running back, was waived by Dallas; Rookie receiver Nathan Black was waived in the final cut with Carolina; and Sixth-year veteran cornerback Keith Thibodeaux was waived by Green Bay.

The four players left include Craig Nall, quarterback with Green Bay; Marcus Spears, offensive lineman with Kansas City; Kenny Wright, fourth-year cornerback with Houston; and Mike Green, second-year safety with Chicago.

Photo by Gary Hardam
Stoker attributes the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and the stude body with making a difference during the Delta State game through "nois warfare."

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Ballots set as elections near

■ *Former, current senate speakers may face off; Argus referendum hits snag on way to ballot*

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

Greg Comeaux was standing outside the SGA office when a broadly smiling Dustin Floyd walked past.

Comeaux, the current speaker of the SGA senate, pulls Floyd, his predecessor and the loser of the spring SGA presidential election, aside for a moment.

"Can you write me a check for $10 and I'll reimburse you later?" Comeaux asks Floyd.

Floyd checks his watch and turns Comeaux down. He says he needs the money himself, since he might be filing as well.

It's 4:10 in the afternoon on Tuesday, twenty minutes before the student senate election filing deadline, and neither Comeaux nor Floyd has filed the forms or paid the fees needed to run.

Comeaux is a junior senator-at-large whose term does not end until the spring. He was elected by the student senate before the end of this year's spring semester to, among other things, moderate its meetings as its speaker.

He had nearly forgotten to file for the class senator elections, slipping in, as he said, "three or four minutes" before the deadline. Winning the race for class senator would delay the end of his term as an SGA senator from this spring to next fall.

Comeaux said he considered running because he believed the field would be small enough to eliminate the risk of losing his at-large senate seat.

By 4:30, with filings closing, Floyd was leaving the SGA office with a brief handwritten statement in hand. Filed and qualified, Floyd was going to make another run for the SGA.

"I feel great," Floyd said. The platform statement draft he held was loose and casual, with one line that stood out: "The senate can't survive without me."

Floyd, a junior one credit hour short of senior status, resigned from the senate in the spring to make a run for the SGA's presidency with Buster Carlisle as his vice-presidential candidate. Their ticket lost to current SGA president Stacie Cosby and vice-president Jen Jensen.

Comeaux and Floyd's last-minute antics wrapped up one of the SGA's largest filings ever. 23 students qualified to run for 12 undergraduate class senate positions, to be voted on by their respective classmates.

Because of Floyd's junior status, he is pitted against six others for the three Junior class representative seats, including Comeaux.

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Photo by Glenn Ward

Freshmen Sean "DJ Draco" Godwin and Sarah "Sarah Mac" McPherson broadcast their radio show at the studio of The Demon 91.7 FM KNWD Wednesday afternoon.

Demon Resurrected

■ *New management promises more variety, focused staff and the return of Demonfest*

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

After a summer of equipment upgrades, campus radio station The Demon KNWD 91.7 FM will go on-air full time – but not all the time – Monday morning.

KNWD manager Julie Pitts said all but three time slots have been filled with 30 DJs – less than half as many DJs as the spring – and are ready to take up regular schedules.

"We didn't have a big turnout at the meeting that we held, but everyone that showed up got a slot," Pitts said.

Several DJs will have more than one show per week, Pitts said. DJs were limited to one show per week last year.

KNWD will not broadcast live overnight shows this year. Pitts said people in the studio overnight last semester damaged the station's studio, stole CDs and attempted to break into the studio's production room.

"We'll have an automated system that we're working on getting setup so when the last DJ goes off at 10 (p.m.), it'll play until the next DJ comes in at 6 (a.m.)," Pitts said.

The system will not be ready for KNWD's Monday rollout, however. Pitts said KNWD would simply go off the air overnight until the system is ready.

KNWD will also be adding more genres of music to its lineup, including country, blues, and classic rock, Pitts said.

"It's going to be different," Pitts said. "It's going to be a

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by Gary Hardam
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Patroller Fender Bender

Photo by Glenn Ward

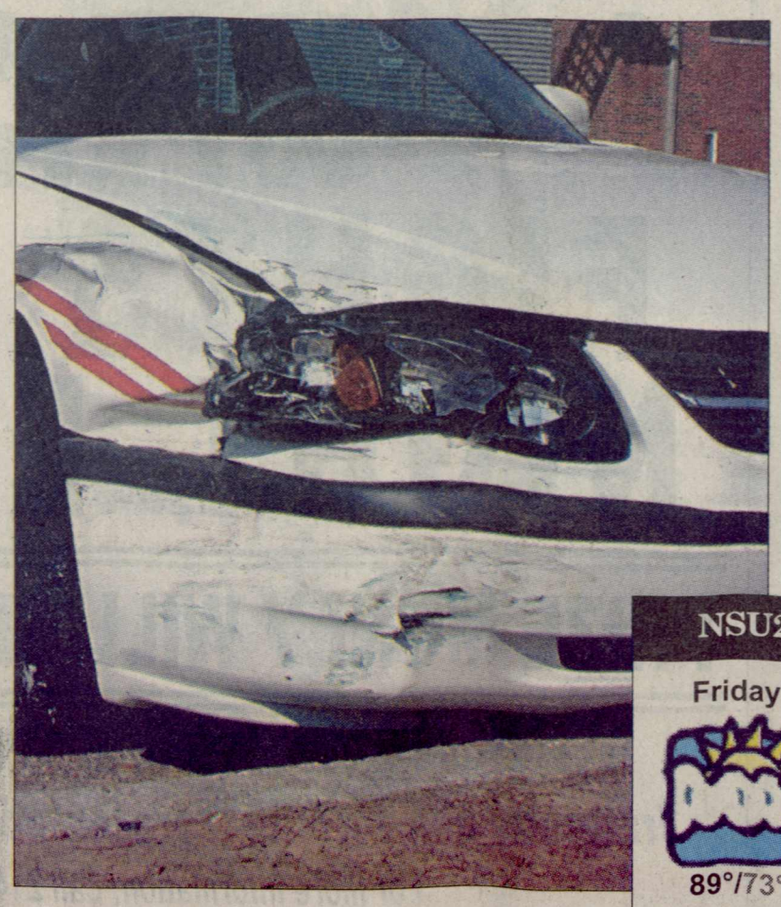
A damaged NSU police car sits parked on the motor pool parking lot behind the campus police station Tuesday afternoon.

The accident that damaged the cruiser occurred Sunday evening when Sgt. David Dale of the NSUPD was struck by another driver, according to an early report by Detective Doug Prescott.

Prescott said that according to preliminary reports, the other driver pulled out of the Texaco on College Avenue and hit the car Dale was driving.

Early information from Prescott neither identified the other driver nor indicated that Dale was at fault. No official police report was available at press time.

This is the most serious accident involving one of the new Chevrolet Impala police cruisers. The new cars were purchased this summer as part of an ongoing effort to update the campus pool of vehicles.



Brossette grant audit complete

■ *No reports to be released for at least three more weeks*

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Louisiana State legislative auditor Dan Kyle has confirmed that the NSU grant program audit is complete.

The audit's drafting stage from management will take three to four weeks, and Kyle was unable to give any further information.

The *Natchitoches Times* reported in July that two University professors were on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigation of the grant program.

In the August 1 issue of the *Current Sauce*, Alvin Brossette, dean of the continuing education department, was one of the two University employees on paid administrative leave.

The Louisiana State Auditor's office investigated Brossette's handling of a grant. The amount of the grant money has not yet been released.

The name of the other party involved has also not been released.

Brossette is on paid administrative leave until the issue is resolved.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
89°/73°	92°/74°	90°/71°

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SGA

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Comeaux, however, said he might pull out of the race to better preserve his status as speaker.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, polls will open for students to elect three senators for each class level, the men's and women's Honor Courts, and the year's Mr. and Miss NSU.

"The senate can't survive without me."

SGA Candidate Dustin Floyd
From his platform statement

Terria Ebarb, adviser for the Student Activities Board, said fall elections only feel early this year but are running at about the same time as last year.

"It seems that way because school started so late," Ebarb said.

A series of mishaps and miscommunications Wednesday also kept proposed changes to the *Argus* editor-in-chief's qualifications off the electronic ballot.

Senator and Election Board Chairman Adam Stoll said SGA President Stacie Cosby had mentioned vetoing the *Argus* bill.

Cosby said she mistakenly believed the intent of the bill was to insure *Argus* would have an editor and be published, a situation already covered by SGA by-laws.

Stoll said word of Cosby's possible veto spread to SGA adviser Carl Henry, who acquires the electronic voting machines used in the elections.

Stoll said Henry either forgot or was never told that Cosby had decided to sign the bill and did not place the *Argus* referendum back on the ballot.

"We don't want to place all the blame on Mr. Henry," Stoll said. "There's no point to it.

"It was up in the air as to if it would be vetoed and nobody knew for sure, and then Mr. Henry probably wasn't thinking about it."

The *Argus* referendum would still be voted on, Stoll said, most likely by using an alternate but as yet unspecified ballot system.

"It'll be like a paper ballot or something," Stoll said.

There was no senate meeting Monday. A few of the senators that did show said fraternity rush, mandatory for fraternity members, kept about half of the senate, including Comeaux, too busy to show.

The SGA constitution states that the senate cannot meet without two-thirds of the senators present.

Senate, Honor Court, and Mr./Miss NSU Candidates

Freshman Class Senator
Amanda Breaux
Ya'Kayla Brosset
Jimmy Brown
Timberly Deville
Chris Henry
April Johnson
Amanda Louviere
Chad Maggio
Josh Stelly
Shane Stelly

Sophomore Class Senator
Casey Ponder
Christopher Johnson

Junior Class Senator
Lauren Briehn
Greg Comeaux
Dustin Floyd
Melissa Hardaway
Elizabeth Hughes
Bert LeBlanc
Zachary Pulliam

Senior Class Senator
Edward Boudreaux
Andy Dye
Kinshasa Romas
Timmy Watts

Women's Homecoming Honor Court
Danyelle Andrews
Leslie Bean
Nancy Bourn
Jessica Breaux
Naomi Chrissoverges
Melinda Cortez
Dymphna Davis
Katie Dollar
Misty Garrett
Elizabeth Hughes
Jennifer Jensen
Rebecca Kyser
Lindsay Lucas
Allison Miers
Alexis Mims
Danielle Mitchell
Jennifer Paul
Laci Stokes
Holly Townsend
Amy Wakefield
Terrica Wallace
Kristin Wilkins

Men's Homecoming Honor Court
Adam Allen
John Birch
Anderson Bryant
Greg Comeaux
Derrick Fletcher
David Frederick
Jared Hewitt
Luke Hutchinson
Andy Jacob
Michael Johnson
Brandon King
Dustin Matthews
Bart Miller
Justin Owen
Travis Reams
Quincy Spencer
Ryan Terry
Tom Townsend
Timmy Watts
Travis Williams

Mr. NSU
Adam Allen
John Birch
Justin Grayson
Josh Green
Jared Hewitt
Quincy Spencer
Miguel Womack

Miss NSU
Stacie Cosby
Dymphna Davis
Allison Miers
Michelle Myer
Jennifer Paul
Laci Stokes

Renovated natatorium reopens

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Nesom Natatorium reopened Tuesday after renovations were completed.

Swimming and life guarding classes have or will resume soon in the building.

Major renovation on the natatorium began after tiles floated to the surface of the pool while it was being drained.

The natatorium's pool, built in 1939, has seen little need for renovation since its inception. The only major change to the pool itself was the addition of steps at the shallow end during the 1980s to accommodate the physically disabled.

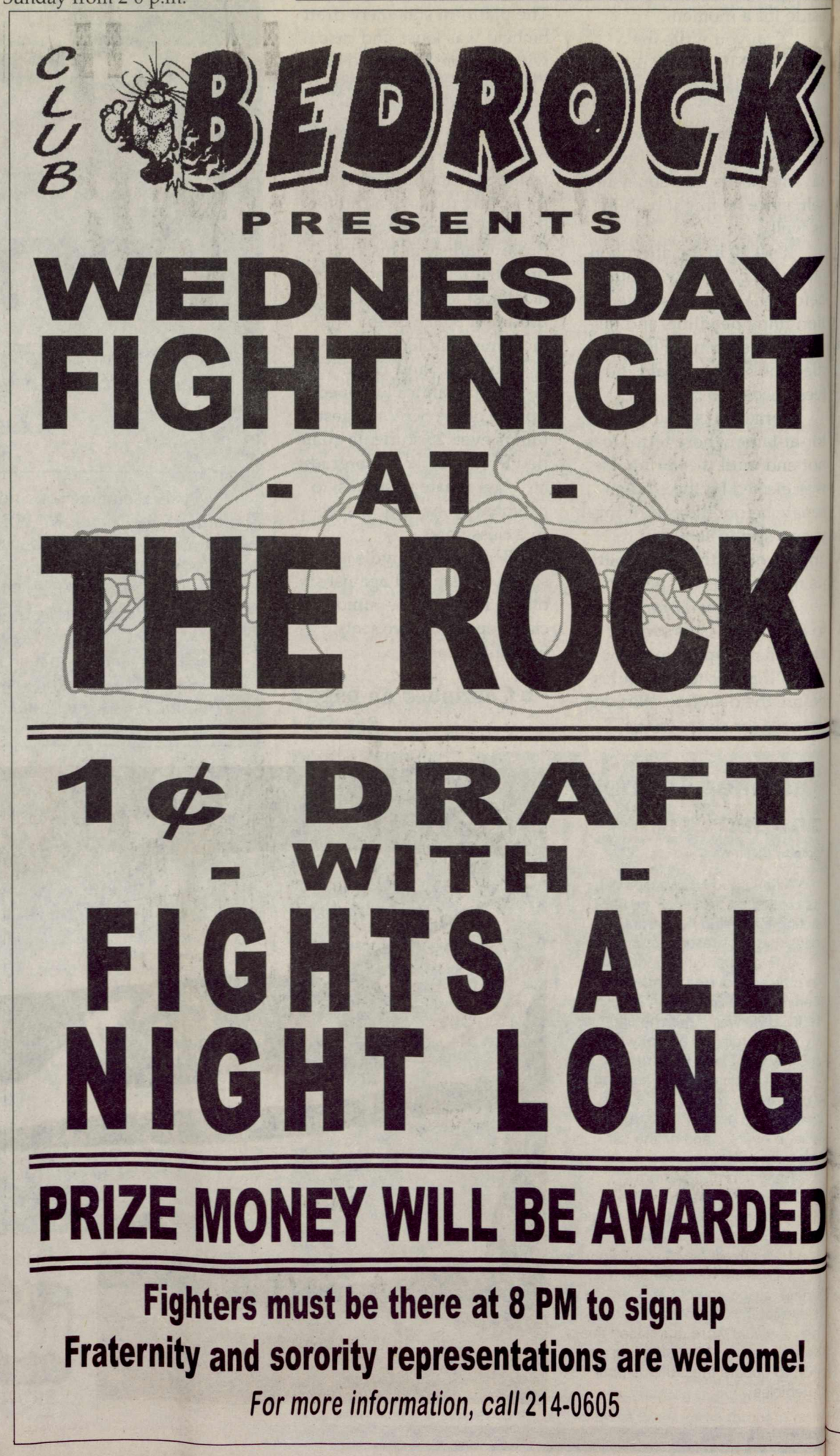
The new renovations included retiling the bottom of the pool, bathrooms, and locker rooms, new exhaust fans, and a video and office lab.

"I am very pleased with the renovations, and there are three rooms available now in the back part of the building," Cindy Davis, aquatics director for the University's health and human performance department, said.

There are still many other renovations, such as the drying of the pool bottom to paint patched areas.

The Nesom Natatorium hours are Monday through Friday from 7-9 AM and 6-9 PM. Weekend hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4p.m. and Sunday from 2-6 p.m.

photo by Garrett Guillotte
The Nesom Natatorium pool underwent renovation in this June file photo.



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KWND

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lot of variety."

Demonfest, traditionally an annual concert sponsored by KNWD that featured student acts that was cancelled last year, will return.

Pitts said she wants to incorporate it into Spring Fling, the Student Activities Board's annual weeklong festival.

"Spring Fling week sucks, everybody knows that," Pitts said. "We want to try to make it one full week of events, and promote their events with ours."

Pitts said she is also trying to expand KNWD's Internet presence.

"Jacob Rachal, our music director, is actually going to be setting up our web page," Pitts said.

Still, KNWD has no immediate plans to broadcast its radio signal over the Internet, as many commercial radio stations do.

Pitts

"Once we get the website up, we'll probably try to do that (webcasting)," Pitts said. She did not know how, or if, KNWD would handle the RIAA and the Library of Congress decision this summer to enforce royalty payments on Internet radio broadcasts.

"I hadn't even heard about that," Pitts, who learned that she was pregnant earlier this year, said. "I've had some more important things to worry about this summer."

With her baby due next semester, Pitts said she hopes not to have to miss the entire class term. Even if she has to, though, she said KNWD would be taken care of.

"I have Jessica, who's working under me this year as a practicum student and helping me with the PR stuff that we're working on," Pitts said. "She'll be learning how I do things in the office, and keep things going and organized so when the baby does gets here, if I need her to do something for me or she needs to get something done, she'll know how to do it and get it done."

Pitts also said she wants to see KNWD compete more against Natchitoches' commercial radio stations.

"I have several urban DJs that want to, are set on competing with (Magic) 106.5," Pitts said. "We're hoping to bring back the audience that KNWD used to have.

"KNWD used to have a very large audience, and over the last couple of years, it's fallen down."

With a broader selection of genres, a smaller and more focused staff and better sound quality, Pitts said KNWD will turn around.

"You can't let 80 DJs run wild in a studio with thousands of dollars of equipment," Pitts said.

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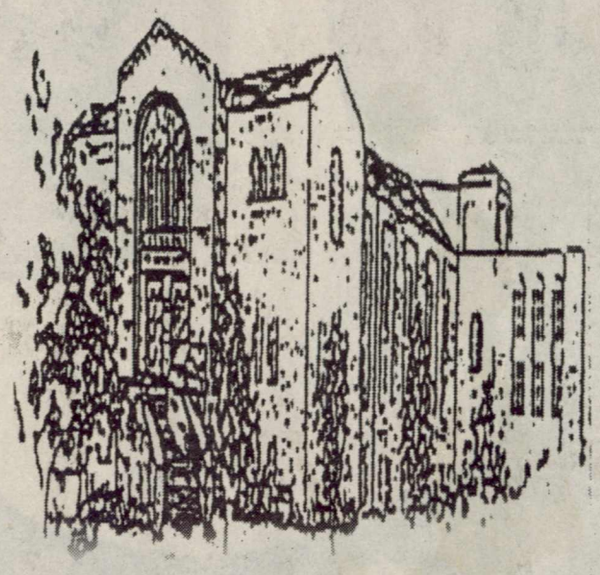

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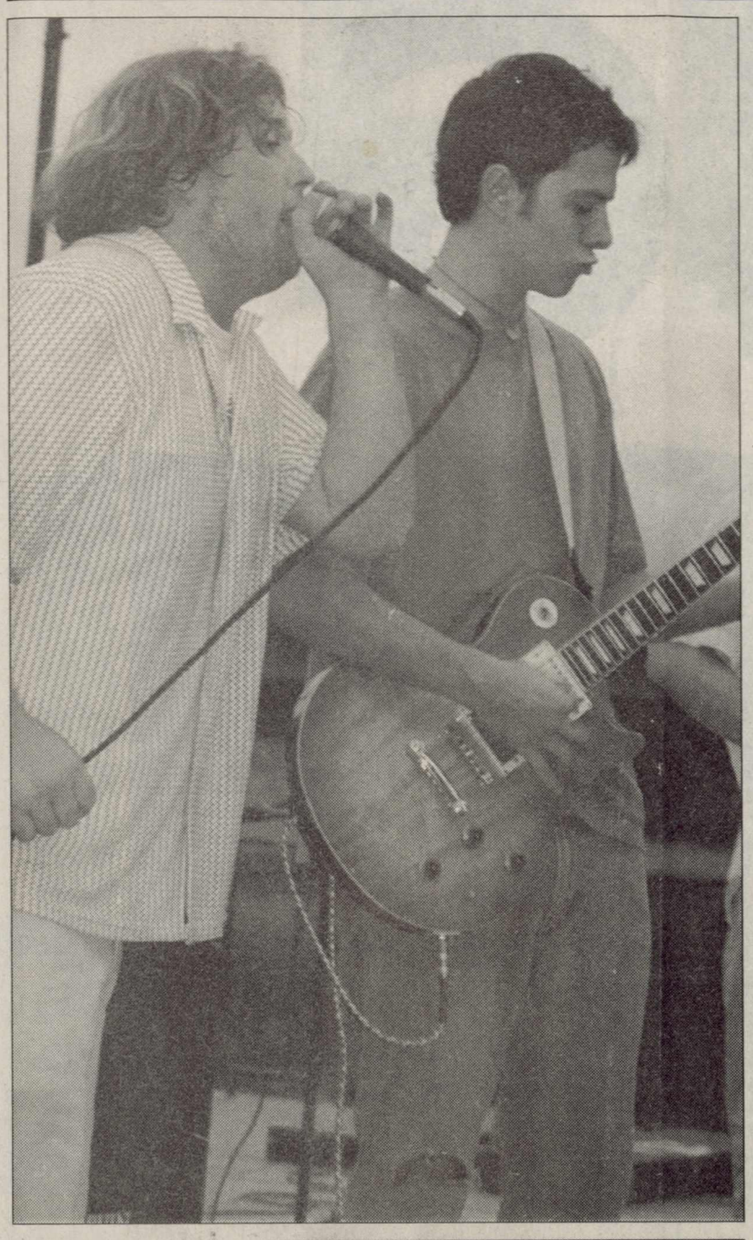
The EOS festival



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(Above) Kelvin's vocalist Jay Medler and guitarist Curtis Harrington rock Natchitoches at the EOS festival.

(Right) EOS "hill kid" Julia Reed surfs a cardboard box down the Front Street hill during Kelvin's set.

By Kyle Carter
Sauce Reporter

At noon Saturday, the band Claymore set up their equipment to open the End of Summer Fest.

As the band prepared to play the crowd began to gather, along with the rain clouds.

"We did the best we could, but in Louisiana it is hard to do an outdoor show," Claymore guitarist and vocalist Allen Clements said.

About 45 minutes into Cater's first festival, the rain came down in sheets. The make-shift cover for the stage did not hold and Claymore was forced to stop playing.

A rain soaked Unhinged, the next band, watched Claymore do what they could to protect their gear from the rain.

"We wanted to play," said Max Wardroup, bass of Unhinged. "It was a good plan; it was just rained out," he added, as it became apparent that the show might have to be called off.

By 1 p.m. the rain was still coming down.

Carter, his crew and the other bands stood around hoping the weather would change.

"I don't want to call it off," Carter said, "I'll see how the weather will turn out."

Rays of hope came as the sun began to emerge. At last it was safe for Unhinged to set up. The band was able to start their set at about 1:50 p.m. Unhinged became an energetic restart to the show and drew the crowd out from hiding.

Unhinged finished their set and were followed by Parasites and Stars.

As more people came, Parasites and Stars were able to encourage members of the crowd to dance. Clouds began to trail back in during the set, bringing back the ominous thought of shutting the show down.

"Aside from the rain [the show] is great," Carter said, as Parasites and Stars finished their set.

I Don't Know took the stage as Parasites and Stars exited.

"I think all the bands are great," Chris Hamlett, guitarist and vocalist for I Don't Know, said. "I'm nervous to follow Parasites and Stars, but excited too."

I Don't Know finished around 5 p.m. and Sub-Three began to set up.

Sub-Three drew action from the crowd as people gathered at the stage to watch the band. Some danced, some jumped off the hill, and some moshed. During the show lead singer James told the crowd about free CD's and everyone scrambled for them.

"It's been okay," bass player Colin Conerll said, as Sub-Three tore down their gear.

Next Kelvin was on the stage and ready to play. By now the crowd had swelled to just under 200 people all waiting to see the local boys of Kelvin play. Kelvin merited a similar crowd reaction, including the kids jumping off the hill.

"This rocked; it was a good festival for local talent," said Jay Melder, vocals for Kelvin, after their set.

Next came Zack the Rookie. Zack the Rookie was able to blast the wearied crowd alive through their heavy energetic music. The crowd constantly formed large mosh pits of 15-20 people and began to stage dive.

The "hill kids" still jumped off the hill. Zack the Rookie got the tired people to come so alive that measures were taken to ensure no more stage diving.

"They're pretty good," said LSMSA student Dave Meyers during Zack the Rookie's set. "Fat bass players are always f***ing cool," he added.

"When it is like this, it is great," Jason Tucker, guitarist and vocalist of Zack the Rookie, said as he surveyed the festival crowd.

Finally Junior took the stage. The whole crowd gathered at the stage for one last rock out. Junior brought the show to a good end.

The Warped Tour veterans were able to make up great comedy dialogue and got the crowd into each song. The band was even able to get a large number of people to dance.

At the end of each songs' mosh pit lead singer Kiley Bland was able to get the entire crowd to do group hugs. Between the humor and energetic attitudes, Junior finished the show with a bang.

"I like the crowd," Bland said. "These kids are deprived," he said as he sold merchandise and signed autographs.

"The crowd turn out was way better than I expected," said an excited Carter.

Adam Carter pulled it off. His EOS Fest was a stunning success. It was a long day but well worth the time spent. The diverse people of Natchitoches came together to enjoy a day of music and fun.

Making the cut: How your textbooks are selected

By Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter

If you are lucky, one of your teachers will not require a book, making that one less book you have to buy. If you are not so lucky, you might have to buy more than one book for another class. No matter what situation you were in at the beginning of the semester, at some point in your college career, you are going to have to buy a book.

So, how are these books chosen?

If a new book is needed or suggested, the selection process usually starts the semester before the book will be used. Teachers will go to publishers and ask them which books are available for a certain class or a representative of the publishing company will contact the teachers to promote new books.

Teachers are given review copies of textbooks to look through while making a decision. If the book is adopted, the teacher will keep the book. If the book is rejected, it is usually sent back to the publisher.

Assistant biology professor Steven Gabrey helped pick the new science 2020 book.

"We had at least three or four options," Gabrey said.

Along with other science 2020 teachers, Gabrey read through the books, looking for the most accurate, up to date book that would be relevant to the level of the class. In some cases, publishers will add CD's or access to a website.

"Sometimes the added things that come with the book ... can be an added bonus ... if it can help the students to study with or to use in class," Gabrey said.

If all of the books are equal in quality and meet the criteria for the class, occasionally price comes into consideration.

"I don't want to say that price is the deciding factor, but I think we try to include that in our evaluation," Gabrey said.

Gabrey remembers having to spend hundreds of dollars on books.

"A lot of us have been through what you guys are going through, not that long ago and we know what it's like to spend ... $400 for a couple of books," Gabrey said.

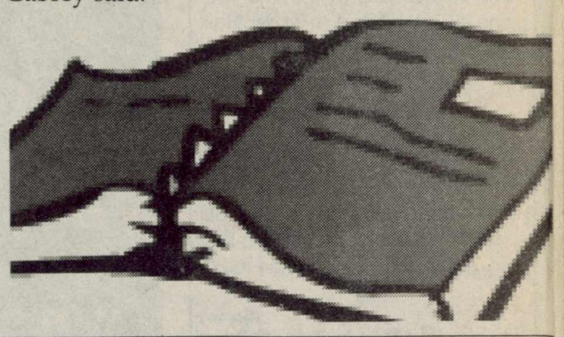
Some teachers are not aware of the prices of books, but some, like Gabrey will ask the publishers for a price. However, that price is what the publishers charge for the book.

"What the bookstore does after that is beyond anybody's control," Gabrey said.

Gabrey also teaches zoology 3220. Choosing books for upper level courses can be more difficult because there are less choices for certain specialized areas, and an expensive book may be the teacher's only option.

These books can also have uses beyond school.

"These are the books that you get to use, if not for the rest of your career, at least at the beginning of your career. When you think about it over the long term, it's not that bad a deal," Gabrey said.



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Piano series brings international pianists to NSU

By Melissa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter

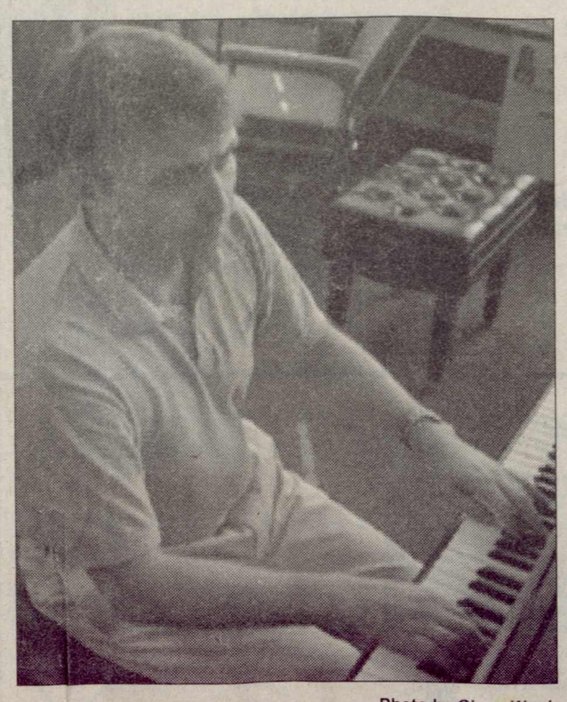

Photo by Glenn Ward
Assistant Professor, Nikita Fitenko practices a piece by Mozart. He is organizing the piano series that takes place on Sept. 27.

The Louisiana International Piano Series will begin on Sept. 27 in Magale Recital Hall.

The series will bring five internationally renowned pianists to the NSU campus for lecture recitals, receptions, and masterclasses. Among the five to perform is Eun Joo Chung, winner of the 2002 World Piano Competition. The series is being organized by NSU assistant professor of piano, Nikita Fitenko.

"I expect a very high level from all the concerts, they all are very good," Fitenko said. "The only one I don't know is the current winner of the World Piano Competition, she represents Korea, and she will be in concert on Nov. 15," Fitenko said. Chung was also the winner of another major competition this July, which Fitenko says is probably the next most important to the Van Cliburn Competitions.

The other four pianists are Jennifer Hayghe of the USA, who will perform on Sept. 27; Rodoslav Kvapil of the Czech Republic, performing Nov. 8; Igor Lebedov of Russia, on Jan. 31; and Josepgh Banowetz of the USA, performing the final concert on March 29.

With the help of NSU, the Natchitoches Northwestern Symphony Society, and the Natchitoches community, a new Steinway Concert Grand piano was purchased in June for Magale Recital Hall.

"I went myself to the Dallas Steinway Hall and picked I think one of the best pianos. Right now we have one of the best pianos in the county," Fitenko said. The new piano gives NSU an excellent opportunity to share piano performances with the community.

"After we got the piano, over the summer, this idea came to my mind about the piano series," Fitenko said. The state of Louisiana did not yet have a piano series, and Fitenko felt the recent help of all involved in purchasing the Steinway make this an ideal time to host such a series.

Each concert will include a prelecture given by either the performer or Fitenko. Immediately following each performance will be a reception in the Hanchey Art Gallery. Public masterclasses will be given in Magale at 11 a.m. on the morning following each concert.

"If you say a few words explaining what was the composer's idea, what kind of music they expect, explaining the form, it makes all the difference. The people now look forward to hearing the pieces," Fitenko said, explaining the prelectures.

"Students don't have the opportunity in this town, at this university, to attend so many concerts. It will be a wonderful opportunity to enlighten those students here, on campus. To have them (the guest performers) play, to have them teach, to give the students the opportunity to meet the artists, talk to the artists, and let them share their knowledge with the students," Fitenko said about the opportunity to host this series.

The series is free to all children and NSU students. For all others tickets can be purchased in a subscription to all five concerts for $20. All concerts will be held in Magale Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, and can be mailed or picked up will call. Contact Fitenko, School of Creative and Performing Arts, at info@fitenko.com or visit the piano series website, www.fitenko.com/pianoseries, for tickets and other information.

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where were you?

Angeline Adams, junior
English major

"I was here at school. I went to the creative and performing arts building where I first saw what was happening on TV."

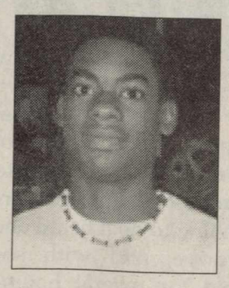
Langston Sinclair, junior
Occupational therapy

"I was watching the news. My thoughts about the situation were that it was prophecy from the Bible. When I saw it I thought it was a wake up call. The words 'watch and pray' kept ringing in my ears."

Mandi Johnson, senior
English education

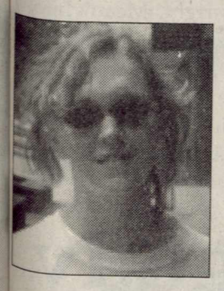
"I was at work and I had the radio on. I didn't think it was real so I called my mom. She told me that it was all over the news. I was really devastated. I had just got back from New York so it really hit home."

D.J. Haley, freshman
Secondary education



"I was at football practice. One of the teachers came out and told us. Once we realized the severity of the situation we stopped practice and had prayer."

Rachel Barrett, junior
Music education



"I was in oral skills and actually had no idea what was going on. Some people were crying and others were trying to crack jokes. My teacher told everyone it was not a joke. I didn't let it sink in until around lunch. Then I just started crying. I was really scared. It was a devastating wake up call."

Ryan Lee Ledet, junior
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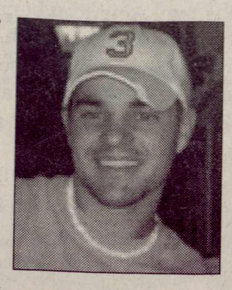

"I was at my house. My roommate woke me up and told me so we turned on the TV to watch the coverage of the events. It really TICKED ME OFF."

NSU, Natchitoches pauses for prayer and remembrance

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

The morning sun, a clear orange ball at 7:25a.m., was rising over the student union as NSU officials and students, city officials and others gathered around a barren flagpole.

About 35 personnel from the NSU ROTC wrapped around three sides of the podium area, which was near the base of the flagpole. Natchitoches policemen and firefighters stood in uniform alongside dozens of students and faculty waiting for the thirty-minute memorial service to begin.

As University President Randall Webb stood behind the podium facing the long brick walkway between Kyser and Williamson halls, he welcomed the crowd and began to speak of the ill-fated day last September. Webb compared the terrorist attacks to the surprise strike on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

"For the rest of our lives, 9/11 will be a date that evokes many emotions," Webb said to the group that would grow to about 200 by the conclusion of the service.

Webb also mentioned the irony in the date 9/11 and the telephone number 911, the emergency response connection, being the same.

Some people might say the date 9/11 did help the country in a sense. It was a day that changed the way a nation viewed itself. A surge of patriotism and flag waving was catapulted by the assault last fall.

Sarah Rhodes, a freshman theater major, went to the memorial service.

"I felt like it was the least I could do,"Rhodes said.

"The 9/11 tragedy was enough to wake me up last year-why not again?" fellow student Shad Gatson, a junior elementary education major, said.

Somber and quiet, the crowd stood listening to the words of Webb, who recounted the words of another leader, President Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War.

Lincoln said there needed to be a crystallized focus and resolve in the country, which at the time was facing one of the largest obstacles a country could be asked to cross.

Webb said honoring the military, police and fire departments was a privilege, and he expressed gratitude to them. Webb then prompted a moment of silence, and the air was still for about 30 seconds.

Next City Councilmen Lee Posey spoke on behalf of Mayor Wayne McCullen. Sheriff Vic Jones followed.

Posey and Jones addressed the growing group of onlookers for a few minutes. Jones spoke of the unity of Natchitoches and beyond that, the country.

"The strongest force we have is the power of many," Jones said.

Webb came back up to the podium to introduce NSU Alumnus Shawn Hornsby. Hornsby started to play Taps, and as the trumpet memorial song glided through the humid air, people started turning to find the song's source. The music was coming from beside a tree where Hornsby was standing, well outside the crowd and for some out of sight.

Most Natchitoches residents and NSU students were not physically in sight of the Sept. terrorist attack, but The affects were still felt.

There were alterations in the airline industry. News coverage changed from congressional affairs to military hunting on distant continents. Class discussions changed or felt somewhat less significant. Decorative patriotism products arrived at many stores.

Community members at the memorial service were remembering the reason things changed in the last year.

The memorial service continued with the raising of the state and national flags which were then lowered to half-mast.

While students walked by on way to their 8 a.m. classes, Stacie Cosby, Student Government Association president led the Pledge of Allegiance. Some stopped to join the mass of people, and others watched in passing.

The last feature of the service was creative and performing arts faculty member Michael Rorex singing the National Anthem.

Webb dismissed the service with a request.

"As you go about your day," he said, "I encourage you to reflect on the blessings that we have in life."

Shortly after the ceremony, a group including Webb, students and members of the Natchitoches police and fire departments joined in a circle around the flagpole to pray. They held hands for a few minutes. Some prayed aloud for protection and the use of their lives for God's purposes. Others remained silent.

By the end of the service, the sun had risen higher in the sky above the student union. Those leaving the memorial service to go home, to work or to school did so under a yellowed sphere in a blinding haze.

Meanwhile, in the Nation's capital U.S. President George W. Bush addressed another memorial assembly at the newly repaired Pentagon building.

"The murder of innocence cannot be explained-only endured," Bush said.

Bush said that throughout the search for terrorists Sept. 11, 2001, will not be forgotten.

"At every turn of this war we will always remember how it began-who fell first," Bush said.

In New York City the names of the World Trade Center victims were read at Ground Zero. The last two speakers concluded the name list with this message:

"May God bless the victims. We love you all. May God bless America."

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University President R
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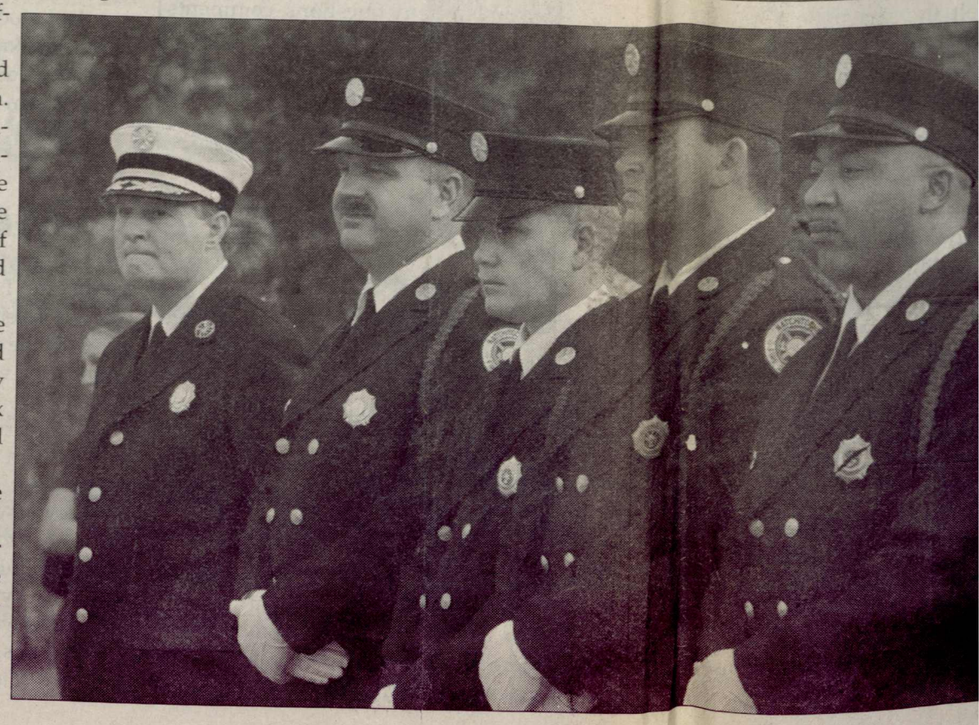

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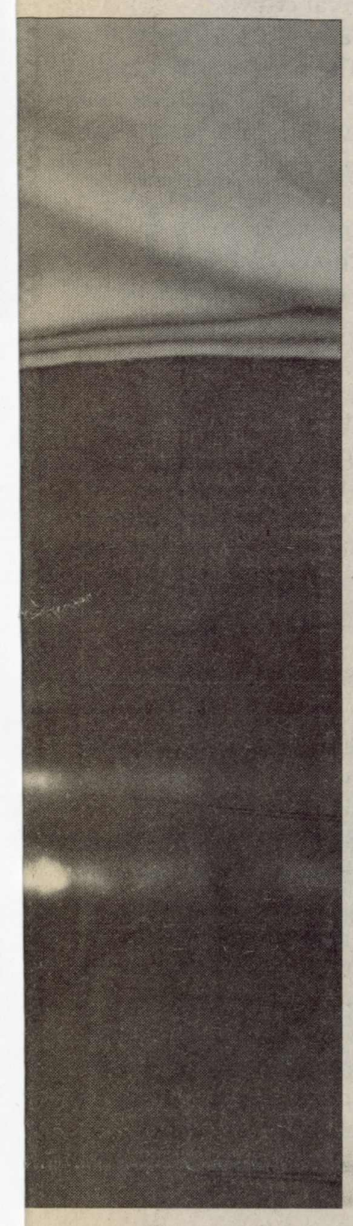


(Above)
Photo by Glenn Ward

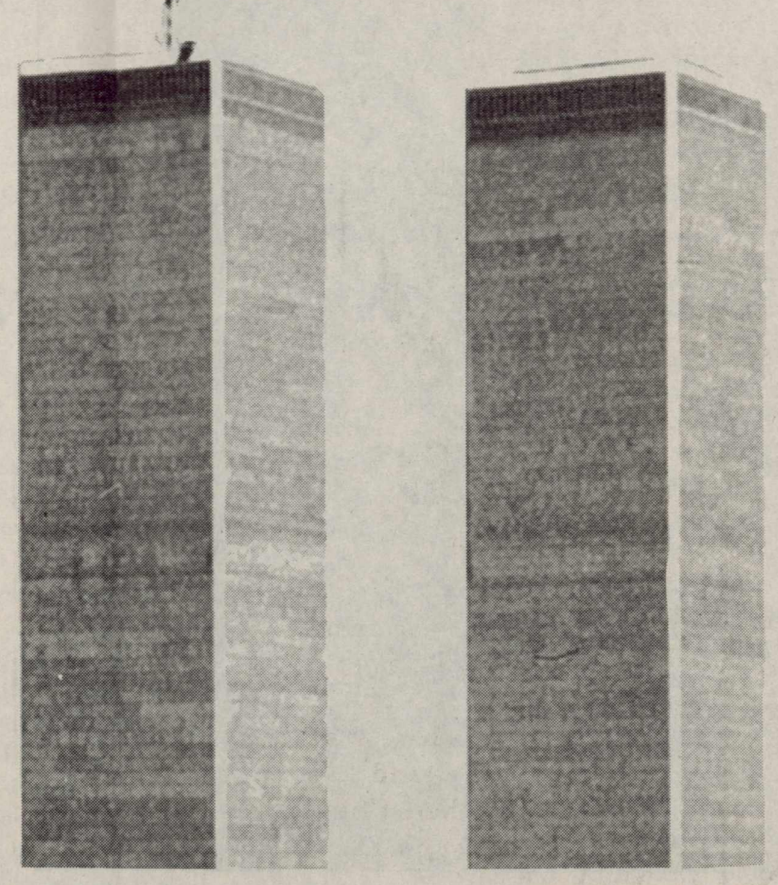
Matthew Burroughs, a Scholars' College freshman, joined hands with fellow students, faculty, residents and Americans at yesterday's Sept. 11 memorial service. The service was held at the flagpole located next to Kyser Hall. About 200 community members attended the memorial.

(Right)
Photo by Gary Hardamon

University President Randall Webb looks on as the NSU ROTC raises the American and Louisiana flags to half mast.

(Below)
Photo by Gary Hardamon

(From left to right) City of Natchitoches firefighters Chief Bob Hebert, Alan Stanfield, Brad Pickett, John Wynn and Darron Clark silently watch the remembrance of the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001. Many New York City firefighters lost their lives during the attacks on NYC and Washington, D.C.



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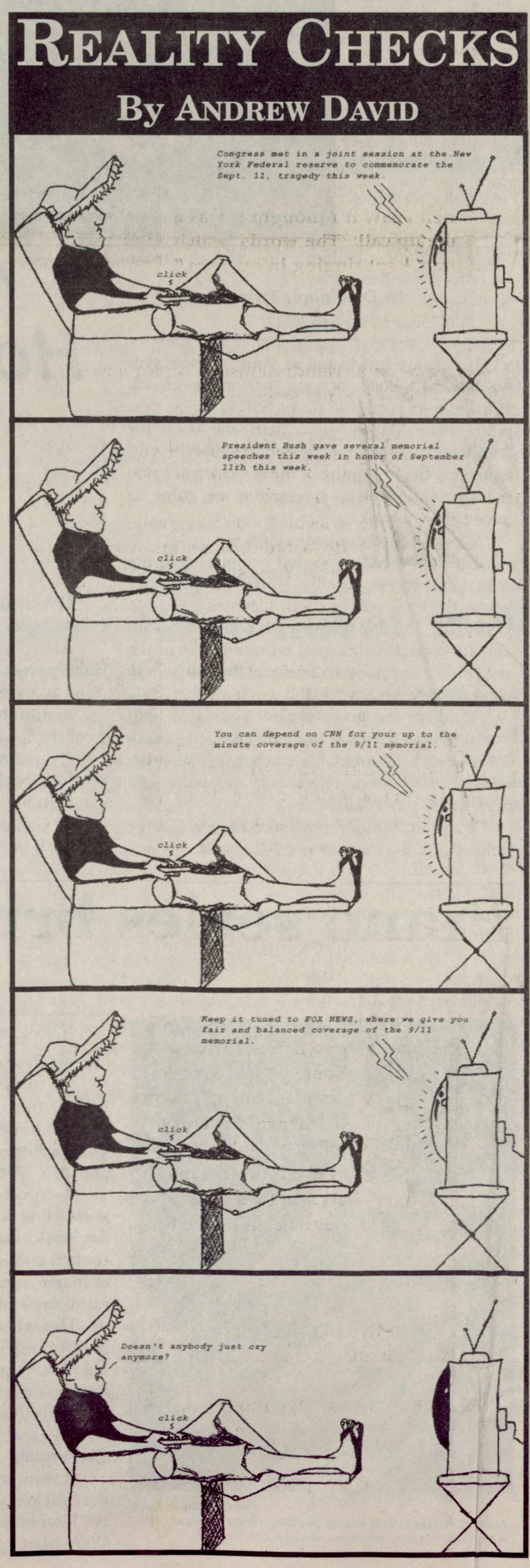

Fear of travel possible deterrent for international students

Callie Reames
Chief Writer

There is an International Student Exchange Program for students at NSU and students who want to attend NSU from other countries.

Frank Schicketanz, former coordinator of the program, said there were four international students enrolled with the program last year.

"There are actually none," Shicketanz said about international students this year.

Shicketanz said all of last year's foreign students applied before Sept. 11, 2001.

"I don't know if that was a factor," Schicketanz said.

Fear of travel or difficulty in gaining admittance into the country may be factors in the lack of exchange students.

New plans for the exchange and visitor program began after the terrorist attacks last fall, as a part of increased security for international visitors to the U.S.

The plans were initiated to replace the former system, which was not as watchful as the new program.

The Student Exchange and Visitor Information System is a new way of organizing international students in the U.S.

The students are plugged into a national database in Washington D.C., and everything from dropped classes to departure dates is entered into the system.

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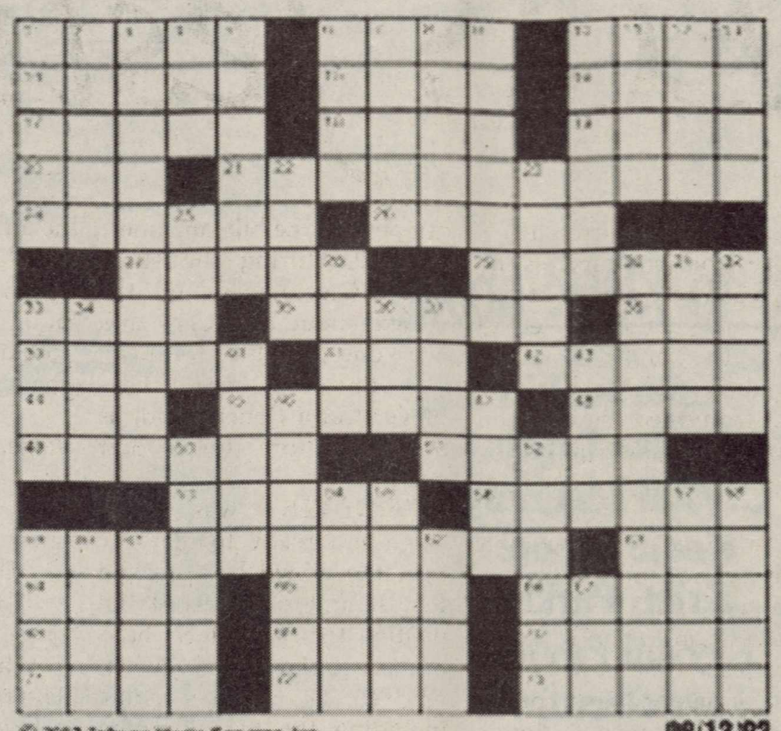

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EDITORIALS

Editor declares campus/Natchitoches terrorist proof

Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

In the midst of remembering the tragedy of Sept. 11 it's hard to not stop and think about that sorrowful day.

A year and a day has passed since, what many are calling, the greatest tragedy of our time. But even today we still worry about our homeland security and about our freedom being attacked yet again. Even here in little Natchitoches we worry about possible terrorist strikes. And you cannot say that I do not know what I am talking about. By a show of hands, how many of you were anxiously waiting to fill up at the gas pumps only days after the attacks? Now don't we feel silly?

Let me resolve some of your fears by offering reasons that I think a terrorist attack on Natchitoches and or NSU would never be successful or would, quite frankly, never happen.

First and foremost, Natchitoches is a very small town. The students from Baton Rouge and New Orleans can tell you that. Quite frequently I hear these students wishing they could go back home to relive some of their old high school dreams. Some of us will never be able to ditch the lives of letterman jackets and leaving post prom parties with smelly fingers. Let's face it, we are pretty sheltered here, and by sheltered I do not mean hidden deeply under the surface from any falling bombs.

Second there was the whole anthrax joke. The *Current Sauce* reported an anthrax scare in the Nov. 1, 2002, issue of the *Sauce*. I must admit that the THREAT was scary at the time. However, we now know the only guys capable of an anthrax scare worked at LSU. No anthrax up here.

Then there was West Nile. No terrorist with a poor immune system could survive an attack of mosquitoes, which we harvest near Chaplain's Lake. Thus an attack by lake is unlikely.

Admissions standards would also deter any threat of terrorist attacks on this campus. NSU would never let any evil entity on campus. I don't think we have met the quota of thieves this year, so why would we let any terrorists in. Thieves first, Taliban later.

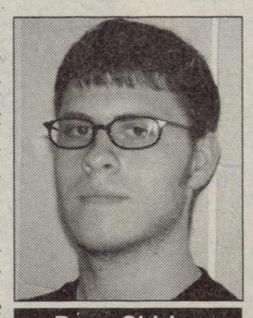
I don't know if you have noticed lately but our buildings have recently been reinforced. Several campus organizations have taken it upon themselves to fulfill a civic duty by reinforcing many of the campus' building walls with rush flyers. There is no way that a plane flying at low altitudes and high speeds would ever penetrate these walls.

Yes, I Kaleb Breaux, editor-in-chief of the Current Sauce, declare this campus terrorist proof.

Independent films: Hollywood's answer to writer's block

Audiences have been complaining about movies lately.

The grievances are generally the same- all glitz and no substance. A growing number of viewers believe that the big budget blockbuster has caused a glut of awful movies with no originality in plot or character development.



Drew Shirley
Sauce Columnist

True or not? This complaint is the driving force behind the recent phenomenon of the independent film industry doing big business. Audiences, it would seem, have grown weary of being fed the same recycled material by studios. They've turned away from the local multiplex and gone in search of films that somehow affect them on a more personal level.

For the third consecutive summer overall movie attendance has been down. This fact hasn't stopped "My Big Fat Greek Wedding", a film produced by IFC Films for roughly $5 million from coming within range of the coveted $100 million mark and becoming one of the most profitable movies of all time. A situation like this is simply a case of supply and demand. The summer of 2002 arrived with no movie to fill the role of a romantic comedy. Word of mouth started building on this independent film, and people began seeking it out in droves, propelling it to the top of the box office.

While this is certainly the best-case scenario for any independent film, it isn't the standard. It does reflect a growing willingness of the movie going public to seek out movies created by writers and directors outside of Hollywood.

Independent films are essentially as old as the art of film making itself. Their recent rise as a profitable genre began when Miramax picked up Kevin Smith's low budget comedy "Clerks" for distribution. Produced for less than thirty-thousand dollars, it went on to gross over three million in a limited "art house" run- not playing at huge multiplexes, but instead at much smaller independent theaters.

With potential for profitability established, the independent film began to grow and develop. Writers and directors with new and innovative ideas began to make their own movies, as opposed to having their ideas altered and churned out by the Hollywood movie mill. This resulted in films such as "Sling Blade" and "The Apostle," which both garnered mass critical acclaim and awards.

The independent film has since developed into an entire subculture of the film making industry. It has allowed men and women from all backgrounds to create films based around ideas, which in most cases wouldn't have a chance in tinsel town.

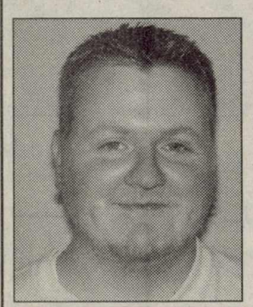
As with all entertainment, independent films vary in quality from extremely well crafted to profoundly awful. Despite this, the independent film industry has been able to establish a strong enough following to serve as a viable alternative to the mass produced product that Hollywood offers to the public.

Quirky films such as "Bottle Rocket" and "Rushmore" along with insightful satire like "Chasing Amy" are all films that make the world more entertaining.

And the world has independent filmmakers to thank for that.

Uncommon Ground

"The Homosexual Agenda"



Dave Knox
Sauce Columnist

Last week, I introduced this column and ended it with a "teaser" for this week's topic. However, you will quickly notice that my titles may be a little misleading. For instance, this week is entitled "The Homosexual Agenda."

For most people this title means nothing, as well it should, because there is no gay agenda. It is an absurd idea that an entire population of people grouped by a single innate characteristic could have a central agenda. That would be like saying the 'left-handed agenda' or the 'Muslim agenda'.

There is no one agenda for any of these groups since each of these groups is comprised of many individuals with individual ideas and agendas.

However, organizations such as the Christian Coalition use terms like "gay agenda" as propaganda. They suggest that homosexuals have banded together and agreed upon a specific set of "special rights" that they are determined to force upon American culture at large.

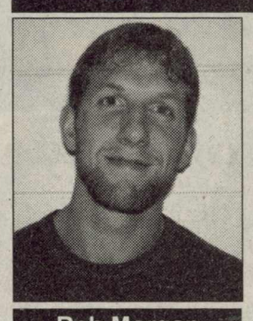
In reality, gays have as diverse a number of opinions as any other cultural group. From the conservative Log Cabin Republicans to the more controversial organization Queer Nation, there is disagreement even within the "gay community."

If there is a common ground among gays and non-gays alike, perhaps it ought to be promoting tolerance and respect for everyone's rights. Isn't that what our Constitution promises?

If you have any questions, comments or topic ideas, feel free to email them to NSUinqueery@hotmail.com.

Next week...**The Great Divide: Race Relations at NSU.**

Words of Wisdom Part II-Get Involved



Rob Morgan
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Tip #5: Student Involvement. Believe it or not, fellow students, your level of involvement or social interaction on campus is of equal importance as maintaining a suitable GPA

If you go through your entire college career without being involved in campus organizations especially the most obscure ones (i.e. NSU's Meat Packing Club) you are greatly robbing yourself of the true point of college, a weigh station between high school and the job market.

The point of college IS education, there is no doubt about that, but the education continues outside of the classroom. Educating yourself on the type of human being you are, what types of human beings you like to be around and, yes, what you want to be when you "grow up" are all aspects of this education.

Social interaction is an important ability if you plan to hold any sort of job in the future. Vital components an employer looks for in future employees include the ability to tell the difference between the co-workers you can and cannot talk about sex with, possessing the knowledge and the skill to fart silently in a meeting and understanding that just because the Fed-Ex person is female she is not also a nymphomaniac in a dark blue uniform.

Your involvement in campus organizations allows for the use and development of such social skills that prevent one from being perceived as a total loser.

Now the question is, "What organizations should I join, oh wise Rob?"

Well, I advise going to some different organization meetings and seeing for yourself what matches your personality. Some of the organizations have already had their informational meets, but they would probably have no problem with fielding questions from an interested person.

As for whether to go Greek or stay GodDamned-Independent, I'm a tad bit biased. I am not a Greek, but I am a member of several tight knit organizations. And if you are interested in a certain type of fanaticism in your organization, I would highly recommend a frat, sorority or NSU Crew.

In ending I pose a question to the rushing frats and the university, "Who the hell is going to clean up all these rush flyers around campus?"

Yeah, that's what I thought.

'I will never forget those whom I have never met'

By E. L. "Beau" Boudreaux III
Sauce Columnist

As the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks draws close, I have been swept away remembering the feelings and events of September 11, 2001.

I was having a nightmare, but it was too far fetched and movie-like to be anything more than a disturbing dream produced by an overactive subconscious. My phone startled me awake. It was my Mother; someone had crashed a plane into the World Trade Center.

As I stood with the phone in my hand, my knees grew weak and my head hurt as I tried to reconcile the crazy dream and my Mother's words.

Instead of waking up to Jimmy Buffet or other oldies, my radio announced the tragic story of thousands that I had never met, and now never would.

I scurried off to my history class, but the teacher knew this was history and dismissed class. As I sat on my couch watching CNN, I did not have the breath to move. I watched in horror as the second plane slammed into the opposite tower.

In a haze made blurry by free flowing tears, I stumbled to another class. Some people were crying, and even though we did not know each other consoling words were exchanged.

Later tears of pain gave way to waves of extreme anger. I wanted those responsible to be punished, no not punished. The judicial system was too slow. I wanted an immediate retaliatory attack against an unseen and unknown enemy. But I could do nothing, so instead I fell asleep exhausted.

I awoke refreshed, but still searching for something to do. I heard about the blood drive, and with some friends waited for several hours to give that which others had taken away; life.

Now almost a year later, I still feel as if there is a layer of fog over the days. As bright as the sun may shine, the fog refuses to burn away.

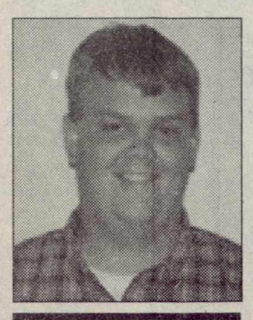
Almost daily I think of those who lost their lives in the attacks, those who rushed into the doomed buildings, those who are carrying out my vengeance upon the dealers of death and destruction.

My previous dreams of going into the business world and being successful grow pale and seem trivial. I feel as if the burden to accomplish something meaningful and worthwhile to society has been increased exponentially. I feel that those of us who are now here owe it to the deceased to ensure that they did not die in vain.

Daily I ask God what He has planned for me, and have grown more confident that I will know His plans when the time is right. Meanwhile, I try to help those around me, and pray for the souls of the recently deceased.

With time the fog will lift, and the sun will again shine brightly; however I will never forget those whom I have never met.

Former *Sauce* editor remembers 9-11 tragedy



Shawn T. Hornsby
Guest Columnist

When did your paths before you begin to change? What event first darkened the bright world seen through youthful eyes?

Monday, I relived that moment when I first learned the world would change more than I had comprehended. As the funeral attendants loaded the casket in the hearse, I watched an eleven-year-old boy filled with uncertainty struggle with the realization that his father would not watch him grow up anymore.

My heart went backwards 20 years as I relived the death of my great-grandfather. Although my most vivid memory is watching him in the hospital unable to leave his bed, my emotions for this icon in our family are sound. Why else would I cry as if it were my own father?

Perhaps, my first experience of someone close dying overwhelmed me. I choose to believe I reacted because of the time spent with him before he became sick. This event clearly stands as the first loss of innocence.

In so many ways, I have lost a part of the shroud given to me at birth. With my first drink, my first lie, and so on I slowly tore another piece of innocence from the shroud.

Sometimes, through no fault of our own, and even while trying to recapture some of our lost innocence we lose another section.

Early in high school I had the honor of playing Taps for a WWII veteran who died. I had played Taps before for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, but this was my first funeral.

An army honor guard was present, along with many American Legion and VFW members several of which were friends of my family. An act such as this, performed out of respect and compassion, should have allowed me to reclaim one of those lost pieces.

Instead, guilt and sadness filled every corner of my heart as I read a letter from the widow thanking me for the service I provided. Another piece was lost.

The anniversary of September 11, 2001, reminds me that many of us, if not all of us, have lost another portion of our innocence. Through no fault of our own, we feel pain, uncertainty, sadness and even guilt. Forever we will think "What if" when we get into tall buildings and we will look at people from other cultures closely and suspiciously. Our paths forever changed.

For the sake of those to follow, whether your children or nieces and nephews, cherish what remains...for each piece of the shroud lost remains lost.

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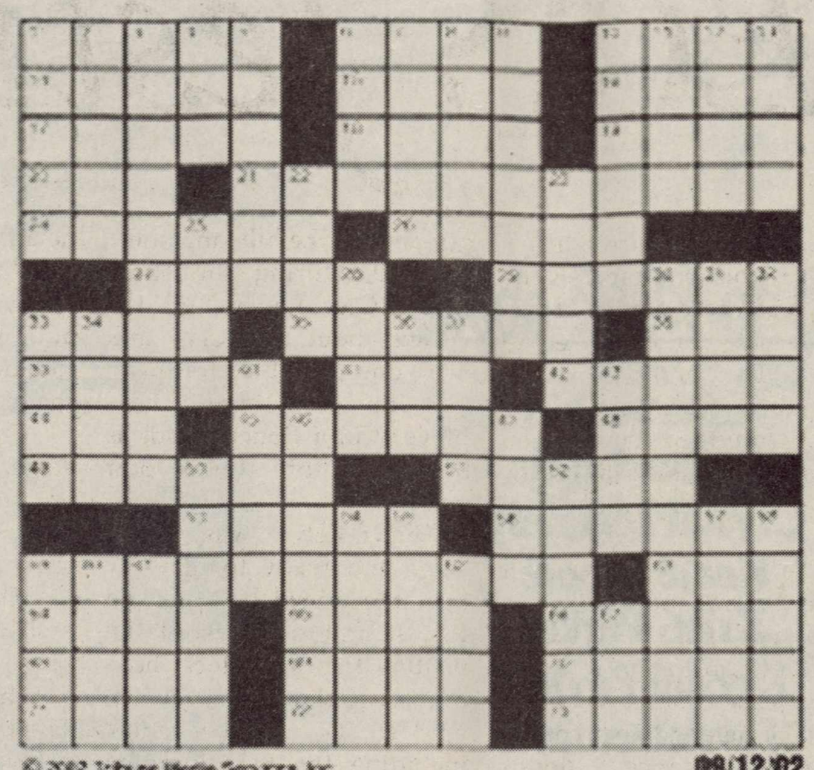

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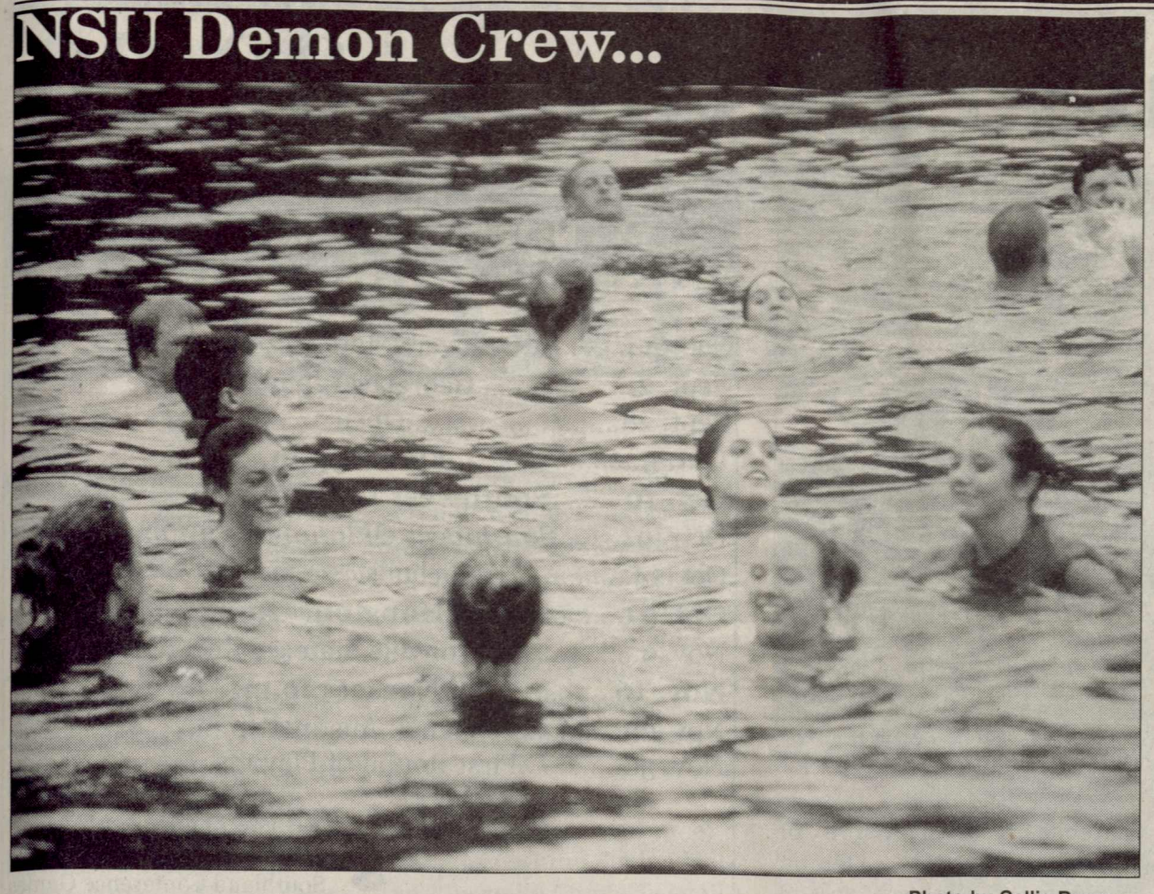

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New members to the NSU Crew take their swim test in Chaplin's lake last Wednesday afternoon. A swim test is required of all rowers in the event of a boat flip. The rowing team took on 40 new novice rowers in addition to the 18 returning varsity rowers.

The Crew Team recently received a new dock, courtesy of the SGA. NSU Crew also purchased a new racing boat over the summer. The team plans to attend four races this semester, including the Marathon Rowing Championships, which is hosted by the team. The Marathon is set for Nov. 9 and finishes on Front Street in downtown Natchitoches.

The crew team practices weekdays at 5a.m. and 5:30p.m. at their boathouse on Chaplin's Lake. For more information about NSU Crew call 357-4397, email at nsurowingteam@hotmail.com or visit their website at *www.nsula.edu/nsucrew*.

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Lady Demon Soccer has ups and downs on extended road trip

By *Sauce* Staff

Northwestern State has seen its wins and losses on an 18 day stretch of road games.

The Lady Demons began the away line-up with a match against Tulane on Sept. 3. Tulane beat the Demons 3-1.

Sept. 5 the Demons travelled to Mississippi State to face the Lady Bullfrogs. NSU held their own in the match , but the Bullfrogs pulled ahead in the 78th minute. The final score was 3-1, Lady Bullfrogs.

Northwestern State University's Lady Demon Soccer team lost 1-0 to Centenary after a defensive struggle Wednesday night.

The Lady Demons, 4-2, got a shutout performance from goalkeeper Heather Lindsey, who made three saves. The Demons, 1-3-1, got four saves by goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais.

Northwestern caps a string of four straight road games on Friday night when the Demons visit Louisiana-Lafayette for 7 p.m. match. NSU plays at home again next Saturday, Sept. 21, against Arkansas State at 4 p.m.

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Northwestern beats Southern 30-20

By Andrew David and Kristin Huben
Sauce Reporters

By Gary Hardamon
The Demons block an extra point attempt in the first half of the Southern game. NSU's record rose to 2-0 with the win over the Jaguars.

The Demon Football Team triumphed over the Southern University Jaguars at the Port City Classic on Saturday.

The first quarter had the Demons' tail-back, Shelton Sampson providing the catalyst for coach Scott Stoker's running game as he picked up 34 yards on five carries.

First quarter passing attempts proved to be uneventful for the Demons as Quarterback Ben Beach, threw for seven attempts but only came up with one reception on a 14-yard route to Toby Ziegler.

Beach's counterpart, Kevin Magee, also had difficulty, throwing five passes and coming up with nothing on all occasions.

The Demons managed not to leave the quarter empty-handed as the special teams put three on the board to give the Demons an early lead.

The near-perfect defense of NSU held off the opposition, and were led by linebacker Roy Locks.

Southern wasted no time in answering for their first-quarter ineptitude by putting up 6 points by way of a touchdown pass from Anthony Fisher, to wide-receiver Michael Hayes.

Colby Miller, missed the point after touchdown leaving Southern to settle for a three-point lead early in the second.

NSU's kicker Tommy Hebert booted a four-play 78-yard drive with a 25-yard field goal.

At 10:32 in the second quarter the game was tied at six apiece.

Southern began its next drive at the NSU 34 thanks to an intercepted Beach pass, and ended its drive in the end zone with a touchdown pass from Fisher to Hayes. Southern was up 13-6.

Sampson picked up an additional 41 yards in the second quarter. This set up tailback Derric Johnese for a five-yard touchdown to tie the game 13-13 at halftime.

The third quarter got underway and both teams exchanged a series of downs with neither team gaining the upper hand. Finally, at 5:07, Johnese ended a 4-play drive with a 12-yard touchdown run. Hebert split the uprights and the Demons were up 20-13.

Jaguars attempted a comeback but were met with the unloving attack of the Demon defensive line, including four sacks from Lock.

As the Southern offense was unable to penetrate the NSU defense, Southern's defense was incapable of containing the Demon offense as Magee located Ziegler downfield for a 54-yard touchdown pass. Demons led 27-13 at the end of the third.

The Jaguars positioned themselves for a comeback late in the fourth quarter with a 2-yard run from running back Leon Miller. However NSU maintained its dominance and took a 10-point lead with a 24-yard field goal from Hebert.

The Demons reigned victorious over the Port City Classic with a season record of 2-0. Next week the Demons travel to face the Delaware State University Hornets, also at 2-0.

CORRECTED NSU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 14.....Delaware State@12p.m.
Sept. 21..... Georgia@12p.m.
Sept. 28.....Open
Oct. 5..... Elon@4p.m. –
Oct. 10.....Southwest Texas@7p.m.
Oct. 19.....*Southwest Oklahoma@3p.m.* –
Oct. 24.....Nicholls@7p.m. –
Oct. 31.....Sam Houston@7p.m.
Nov. 9.....Jacksonville State@4p.m. –
Nov. 16.....McNeese@2p.m. –
Nov. 23.....Stephen F. Austin@4p.m.
Nov. 30.....First Round of Playoffs

Homecoming is in *ITALICS*
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– Southland Conference Games

By Gary Hardamon
The NSU cheerleaders and Demon football players storm the Independence Stadium field last Saturday.

Lady Demon Soccer in the year 2002

By: Glenn Tillman and Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporters

With a young team and four games already behind them, the Lady Demons soccer team is pressing on towards an old goal with a new hunger.

"We want to win the Southland Conference and make it to the NCAA playoffs," said head coach Jimmy Mitchell.

Based on last season's record of 6-8-2 it would seem the Lady Demons have their hands full, but this season's younger team may make it easier.

Fifteen of the twenty-one players are freshmen and sophomores with eight freshmen playing 30 to 40 percent of each game.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Tara Powasnik puts a foot on the ball.

When asked about their capabilities Mitchell said, "This is by far the best recruiting class since I've been here."

However, the team's youth brings out the toughest goal, namely consistency.

Losing three seniors from last season did not help either, but among the player returning are seniors Brittany Hung and Jacqui Lawrence.

So far both have lived up to their potential as well as the rest of the returning team members.

These young and returning players combined should make the Lady Demons a team worthy of the championships.

Junior mid fielder Rachel Villio said of this year's team, "We play well together as a team, we mesh well."

Mitchell agrees, "There is not a big difference between the ability of our first player and our twenty-first player."

So far the Demons have a record of 1-2-1 with losses to Tulane and Mississippi State, but that is where their new hunger comes from.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Jacqui Lawrence, one of the returning Demon seniors, moves the ball upfield in the face of Mercer opposition.

On Sunday they played against SEC west champions Mississippi State and played hard enough to hold them to a 1-1 tie until the final minutes of the game.

"It really showed the team the level that they can play on," said Mitchell.

"There aren't a lot of Mississippi States in the Southland Conference so if we can step in and compete against them we can do well in conference."

The Demons will have a chance to prove themselves again in the coming weeks as they play the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Friday, September 13 at ULL and then bring it home against Arkansas State on Friday, September 20 and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock on Sunday September 22.

Demon Volleyball team gets 100th career win at NSU Invitational

By: Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Volleyball Team showed excellent teamwork at the NSU Invitational on September 6 and 7 in Prather Coliseum.

The Lady Demons celebrated their 100th win after defeating Grambling State University on Friday.

In the victory against Grambling, Senior outside hitter Christina Stone hit .500 with 13 kills and the Demons attacked at a .314 rate as a team.

Cathy Herring had 19 assists and Bernnize Fonseca contributed 12 digs. Kerri Cottle hit .333 with 5 kills and rang up 8 service aces and 9 digs.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Christina Stone has added greatly to the overall success of the Lady

The Lady Demons also won against Alcorn State University.

Stone had 14 kills and hit .400 while Becky David had 10 kills, a .240 attack percentage and 15 digs. Herring had 36 assists as NSU hit .350 to .134 for the Lady Braves.

In the win against Texas Southern, Stone had 13 kills and a .550 attack percentage while Beth Freeland hit .385 with 7 kills.

Herring dished 23 assists and Evelyn Getzen added 11 while serving up six aces.

Despite the team's loss against the University of Tulsa, Coach Leigh Davis remains positive about the team.

"We had an awesome win and this is a great team. They are so far ahead of schedule and we are doing really well," says Davis.

The NSU Invitation gave the Lady Demons a 3-1 win and a record of four and four.

Tuesday the Lady Demons play a rare double header visiting Grambling and Louisiana Tech. This was the first time the volleyball team played against Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Demon had trouble receiving serve and competing up from and the combination led t 30-18, 30-26,30-16 losses t Louisiana Tech Tuesda afternoon.

The outcome of th game dropped NSU to 4- on the season. The Gram bling results were not avai able.

The Lady Demon Vo leyball team will travel t Western Illinois this week end for a tournament.

NSU Athletic department offers travel package to Delaware State

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

NSU fans interested in following their Demon football team to the Delaware State game are in luck.

Northwestern State football fans can join a charter flight to Delaware State University in Dover on Sept. 13 and 14. The flight will depart Friday from Alexandria airport at 9 a.m. and will return Saturday.

There are 20 seats available at $300 each. This price includes airfare, double-occupancy lodging at the team hotel, a game ticket and ground transportation in Delaware.

For more information, contact Karen Dodd in the NSU athletic department at 318-357-5251.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
A photo of a photo: Demon football players, members of NSU spirit organizations and members of the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Band pose with Chief Caddo for a Sports Illustrated photographer. Sports Illustrated came to NSU this week to report on the largest collegiate trophy in the nation, Chief Caddo.

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Enrollment tops 10,000

■ *Growth continues; parking, housing space remain largely unchanged*

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

Overcrowding has been a thorn in the sides of many students as they return to NSU's campus this fall.

NSU officials released enrollment numbers for the University's fall semester. Not many were surprised to learn that the crowding on campus is due to the highest enrollment numbers that NSU has seen. A total of 10,159 students are currently registered, which is almost 750 students more than last year.

If you drive to school, chances are that it will take you longer to find a parking spot than it will to actually arrive on campus. Lack of available parking is perhaps the oldest and most common student grievance.

Although parking has always been a problem at NSU, it seems that every year it is harder to find a convenient legal spot.

NSU police officer Derrick Smith said it is difficult to tell whether parking is worse now than last year.

"There are just so many cars," Smith said. "Parking lots haven't changed in years, so there's no way to improve the situation."

Some NSU students have their own ideas for parking space.

"I think they should make the grass behind Sabine Hall and Iberville Cafeteria available for students to park in," said Kara Smith, a junior hospitality, management, and tourism major.

Sophomore Jacob Park has been frustrated with the parking situation also.

"There is tons of wasted space between Caddo Hall and St. Denis Hall," said Park, a general studies major. "Why doesn't the school pave that?"

Along with the frustrations of finding a parking spot, students have been forced to be patient when dealing with the housing system this semester.

Because of the record-breaking enrollment, many

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See *Enrollment increases in 2002*

Photo by Glenn Ward

(from left) An unidentified student waits in line at Vic's with sophomore business major Walter Wallace and freshman occupational therapy major Josh Wilkenson Wednesday afternoon. The influx of new students can be seen in the long lines at eateries and stores on campus. "In Vic's, the lines are pretty much the same," Wallace said. "But in Iberville, there is like a six-minute wait."

University upgrades cable, phone, Internet

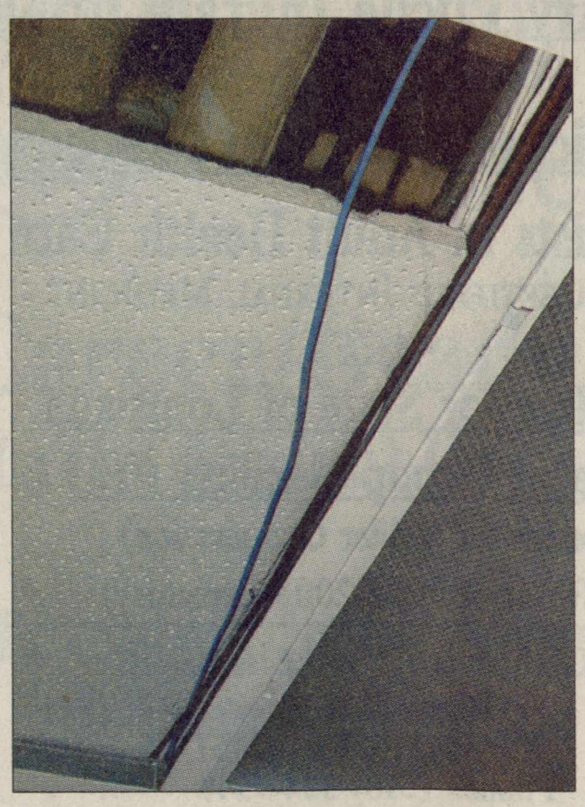

Photo by Glenn Ward

A high-speed network cable hangs from the ceiling of Boozman Hall. The Scholars' College co-ed dorm is the first scheduled for the introduction of high-speed University network Internet access, which requires the use of such cables.

By Edward Boudreaux
Sauce Reporter

With the increased number of students living on campus, NSU has taken steps to make living conditions in the residence halls better. Over the 2001-2002 winter break, the University upgraded the phone lines and enabled caller ID.

This winter break, the University will begin wiring the dorm rooms for high-speed internet. Boozman, because of its construction, will be the least expensive. According to the 2002-2003 SGA student technology budget, the network upgrade will cost $86,595.84.

Tracy Brown, NSU coordinator for telecommunications, said that each room in Boozman will have a T-100 Ethernet connection for both desks. Each desk will also have phone jacks that for the time being will be the same line, but could at a later time be split into separate phone lines.

"That's freaking awesome,"said Klint Newer, a Boozman resident and Scholars' College student.

Newer expressed hope that this upgrade would attract more students to NSU and make completing class work easier.

Sophomore radiology technology major Samantha Maxi lives in Dodd Hall and is comfortable with Boozman being wired "first because they are the Scholars' dorm, and have earned it."

"But it would be nice for everybody to have it," Maxi said.

Brown said the University does not have the funds to expand ethernet service to each residence hall presently, but it is seeking assistance from the state. If residents do not want to wait for the University to install high-speed internet, they can contact Cox Cable.

Station manger at Cox Cable, Brenda Usney, said Cox offers two high-speed internet options, with the "best option downloading 1024 kilobytes per second." This is over 18 times faster than a 56k dial up modem.

Normally there is a $10 rental fee for the cable modem; however, through December the fee is waved for new subscribers.

The fastest internet connection costs about $40 a month.

This summer, Cox Cable upgraded their infrastructure to allow for high speed internet and expanded cable on campus.

Consequently, several channels have been added including ESPN, Comedy Central, and the History Channel.

If the expanded cable service is not enough television, students can upgrade to digital cable for $15 a month, which includes another 31 video and 45 music channels. Cox will be on campus to demonstrate its products outside Vic's Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

No claim, no coverage; student learns hard way about reporting accidents

By Kristen Dauzat
Life & Entertainment Editor

The proper procedure to follow when an on campus accident occurs is to contact the University Police.

It does not matter if the accident is small, or as serious as death. The University Police is then required to contact health services, ambulance or fire department for the injured.

"Anytime you have an injury accident that needs to be reported to the University Police," Det. Doug Prescott said, "and we in turn will notify the proper authorities get the medical attention going, we'll do a police report on it, and if there is something involving insurance we'll send a copy of the report to fiscal affairs or business affairs office and it's taken care of,"

In order to properly fill out a report, an insurance claim

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See *Student learns hard way*

Photo by Rob Morgan

The NSU Jazz Band performed in the courtyard of the Student Union Wednesday as part of an SAB sponsored event. The concert, as well as SGA elections, brought many University students to the Union. Free lunches were served during the event.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Enrollment increases in 2002

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dorms are overcrowded. As many as 40 students were left without dorms as late as Tuesday of the first week of school.

"Before check-ins, we knew we were going to be short at least 50 beds," Sabine Hall student worker Erica Guidry said.

Rapides Hall student worker Lacie Jackson anticipated similar problems in her dorm.

"When the semester started, we had three people assigned to a room at a time," Jackson said. "The line at the housing office was out the door the whole first week."

Many resident assistants had to forgo their private rooms to make space for the new students. According to Housing Director Woody Blair, at least 20 RAs had to bunk up the first week.

Blair said that for the most part, students were cooperative when dealing with dormitory dilemmas. He admitted, however, that the housing office was quite chaotic.

"Well, we haven't gone crazy just yet..." Blair said, smiling.

Overcrowding is apparent at both the Student Union and Iberville Cafeteria. Long lines and crowded eating areas have raised tensions between the students and food service workers.

"We have our share of attitudes from the students, but we try to handle the crowd as best we can," Vic's cashier Aquanette Jackson said.

Some students feel that the attitudes are reversed.

"Customer service has been placed on the backburner at Vic's," sophomore business major John Gillard said.

Being late for class because of the length of lines is also a concern.

"In Vic's, they need to open all the registers when there are lines wrapped around the building at lunch," said Jeremy Boudreaux, a senior history major.

Food service workers at both the Student Union and Iberville Cafeteria are working to adjust to the abundance of students this semester.

"We just increase our service to meet the demand," said Fred Lacey, night manager at Iberville Cafeteria.

With so many students on campus, food is not the only thing in short supply. Textbooks ran low this semester because of the increase in demand.

"Students have been very understanding about book shortages this semester," said Crystal Middlebrooks, a cashier at NSU Bookstore. "We explain the situation to them and most kids are pretty good about it."

Long lines and back-ordered books made shopping at NSU Bookstore and Campus Corner an all-day ordeal.

Jobs are also in short supply this semester.

"It was hard enough to find a job in Natchitoches before, but it seems like there are so many more people to compete with this semester," said Tabatha Kelly, a junior wildlife biology major. "It's almost impossible to land a job here without connections."

With the departure of Job Location and Development head Evie Posey, NSU welcomed a new face to take on the position. New JLD Officer Jeri Wright is working to improve both the system in use and the quality of jobs available for NSU students.

"We are developing outside the Natchitoches area," Wright said. "We're sourcing out jobs in Mansfield, Winnfield, and Many. We are trying to extend our area quite a bit."

Photo by Glenn Ward

Cars filled the residential parking lot behind Boozman Hall Wednesday afternoon. The increase in student enrollment has aggravated an already existing parking problem on campus.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

ORGANIZATIONS

Alcohol and Drug Awareness

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Education is holding an essay contest with cash prizes. All essays must be about consequences of alcohol and/or drug abuse. The winning essay will be published in *The Current Sauce* and its writer will win $75. Second place essay writers will win $50 and third place writers will win $25.

Essays are due by October 4 to Room 213 in Rapides Hall.

Student Government Association

The SGA will be hosting motivational speaker Rick Rigsby Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information contact the SGA office at 4501.

The Spanish Club

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. For information on where, see Dr. Pratt.

Student Activities Board

Join an SAB committee! Come to room 214 of the Student Union for more information and meeting times.

Want to be the next Lady of the Bracelet? Come to room 214 of the Student Union to sign up.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins through out all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Freshman Connection

The Office of New Student Programs is looking for students with the ability to work in a team environment; leadership development potential; positive communication skills, a desire to work with students, parents, faculty and staff; good academic and disciplinary standing; and problem solving skills to be Freshman Connectors for 2003. The office will be holding four meetings scheduled for Sept. 24 at 3 and 4 p.m. and Sept. 25 at 8 and 9 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Students must attend one of these meetings to pick up an application.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the Current Sauce, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Student learns hard way

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must be filed. Your claim could be rejected if an accident is not reported.

"Anytime you are involved in an accident, you need to report it to the police department," Det. Prescott said.

University Police should be contacted before all other officials such as health services, ambulances or fire department. The police will then take care of the situation for you. Examples of medical emergencies include seizures, asthma attacks and allergic reactions to medications or food products.

This procedure is not new, but is being enforced. It applies to students as well as faculty.

Ray Meade, sophomore physical education major, is not enthused about this procedure. He has been to the emergency room eight times over the past nine days for kidney stones. He passed out from pain and was unable to contact the University Police. He got a bill for over a $1000. Usually, the University covers the bill. Unfortunately, he did not fill out the claim. He was not informed about this procedure before his initial emergency room visit.

He later found out about the proper procedure when he went to report his visit to health services. Now he is stuck with the bill.

"I paid $35 for student health insurance which is supposed to cover emergencies and student illnesses,"Meade said. "I have to report it to the University police, who could care less."

He added that he does not even know how he would go about contacting the University Police.

University Police can be contacted by dialing 357-5431 and health services can be contacted by dialing 357-5351.

CORRECTIONS

In last week's issue of the *Current Sauce* women's homecoming court nominee Hollie Townsend's name was misspelled.

Also, in sports, sports editor Rob Morgan incorrectly named the Mississippi State Bulldogs as the MSU Bullfrogs.

Please report any corrections to the *Current Sauce* staff in room 225 of Kyser Hall.

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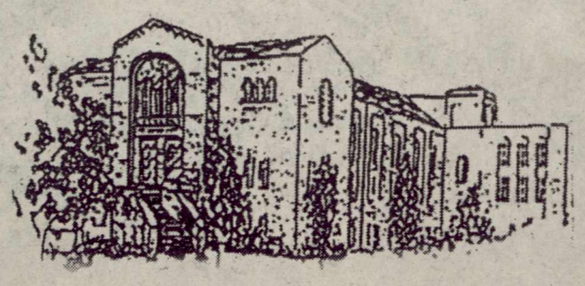

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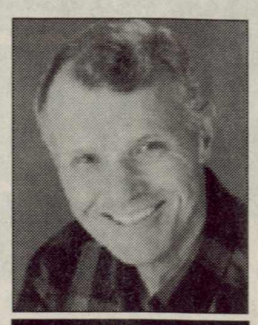
Broadway star Tovatt speaks to NSU theatre department

By Levi Petree
Sauce Reporter

Veteran stage and film actor Patrick Tovatt visited students at the Northwestern State theater department last week.

Tovatt has done it all in his career. He is an accomplished actor, director and playwrite. His last two shows have been Tony Award winners.

Some of his stage credits include *Copenhagen* (Broadway), *Our Town* (Broadway), *Hamlet*, *The Tempest*, and *Inherit The Wind*. Tovatt was a recurring cast member on the NBC daytime drama *Another World* for nine years and he was also featured in the Stanley Tucci directed film *Joe Gould's Secret*.


Patrick Tovatt

Tovatt recently starred in Broadway's *Proof* as a character loosely based on John Nash, the central character and real life figure in Ron Howard's award winning film *A Beautiful Mind*. NSU did a production of *Proof* last year.

Tovatt also assisted former NSU theater standout Colin Trahan in preparing for his role.

"The conversations we had played a big part in helping me to shape the final character that I had by performance time," Trahan said.

Tovatt's visit is part of an ongoing system Theatre Department Head Jack Wann has tried to maintain throughout the years.

By having his former colleagues and students visit his current students, Wann hopes that it will provide insight for those wishing to maintain a career in the theater world.

"The kids always seem to enjoy it when we bring professionals in," Wann said. "It's a chance for them to hear from other people who have worked in professional theater for a while and we hope they can give them a few pointers on what to expect."

"It's a wonderful career if you take it seriously and you work your butt off," Tovatt said. "It's tougher now to get started than it's ever been."

Tovatt also had a few words to say about his long-time friend Wann.

"If you are going to choose an insane business like this to be in, to have mentors who really love it and really know what they are doing, is a gift," Tovatt said. "There is nobody better to learn the business from than Jack. I should know. I've known him some eighty or so years."

SGA cuts meeting short; elections wrap up today

By Garrett Guillotte
Sauce Reporter

A brief SGA Senate meeting yielded no legislation and little else Monday, as senators prepared for the week's elections.

The elections, which started Wednesday and continued today, were to elect three senators for each college undergraduate classification, Mr. and Miss NSU, and the men's and women's homecoming courts.

SGA president Stacie Cosby said the most of the SGA's members were busy promoting the election and hanging up signs with the candidates' photos and qualifications or platform statements.

SGA Election Board member Sharmyn Little said paper ballots were used to vote for a student referendum that would change qualifications for positions in student media, particularly the *Argus* literary annual.

Little said that in order to prevent tampering, the ballots were placed inside the booths, then deposited by the voter into a box outside the booths.

The referendum, authored by speaker of the senate Greg Comeaux and passed by the Senate two weeks ago, would change the SGA by-laws to allow graduate students to hold any chief student media position and make it easier to apply for the *Argus* editorship.

A mix-up over items to be programmed into the voting machines kept the *Argus* resolution off the voting machines. Little said the problem forced the Board to improvise the paper solution in order to allow the students to vote on the referendum.

Monday's weekly Senate meeting had only one bill on the agenda, a resolution to buy scantron testing forms for free distribution to students. That bill, however, never came to a vote and was abandoned.

The move to rescind the bill came after SGA adviser Carl Henry said that he had already provided for the s cantron forms in the Student Union budget.

Minutes 09-16-02

Call to Order- 7:05 p.m.
The prayer was lead by Kelli Miller. The pledge was lead by Mindy McConell.

Roll Call

Present
Adam Allen
Beau Boudreaux
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Tometrius Greer
Luke Hutchinson
Jennifer Jenson
Linzie Ledford
Scott Manguno
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Taylor Morgan
Adam Stoll
Cade Strong
Ryan Terry
Absent
Elizabeth Hughs
Cory Markham
Elizabeth Webb

Executive Reports

Treasurer - Dustin Mathews
The budget is not here yet..

Vice President - Jennifer Jenson
The election sign up is not full. You have to have at a minimum one (1) hour working the poles. Also make sure you complete three (3) office hours a week. We will be having committee meetings this week. Department heads need to give me a report by noon next Monday. If you are going to be absent for something, you need to hand in an excuse. You have two days before and after the event to get it excused.

President - Stacie Cosby
Last Friday there was a meeting at ULM. We will be focusing a lot on targeting young kids (8th and 10th graders especially) to attend college. We will be doing this with shirts, fun toys, cups, and visiting them at their school. More info on that later. Don't forget to work the poles, and I need to see the Cabinet later.

Departmental Reports

Academic Affairs - Mindy McConell
Meetings will be Mondays at 3:30. There was no meeting today. Scantron Giveaway will start next Monday from 11-4. Dr. Rick Rigsby will be here Sept. 26th at 6:00.

External Affairs- Cade Strong
We will be making election signs.

Fiscal Affairs- Dustin Mathews
Same as Treasurers report.

Internal Affairs- Greg Comeaux
Meetings will be Mondays at 3:00. Met for a while today, and discussed fiscal affairs by-laws. Ideas will go into effect when there are more members in the meetings.

Student Affairs- Luke Hutchinson
Meetings will be Wednesdays at 2:00.

SAB Report- Beau Boudreaux
None.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
We realy need help working the poles on Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am and 2 pm. Computers in the SGA office are for Senators and executives only. Please do not abuse these computers or they will be taken away.

Supreme Court Report- Supreme Court Justice
None.

Old Business
Nominations for the SAB/ Non-voting Representative. Linzie Ledford nominates Ryan Terry. Ryan Terry accepts, and is approved by acclimation.

New Business
FA02-002 dealing with allocating money for scantrons was rescinded; Mr. Henry purchased the scantrons for us. Thank you Mr. Henry. There are no new motions.

Announcements
Every body please help work elections. New Senator orientation will be next week. Dr. Rick Rigbsy will be here September 26th, please come and bring your friends. It will be at 7:00 in the Ballroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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EDITORIALS

WORDS OF WISDOM-TIP #6: BOOZE, SEX, DRUGS

Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

Part A: Booze

My college career began innocently enough; I went to classes, band practice and spent all my other time with my overweight girlfriend, the prime reasoning behind my enrollment at NSU.

Ultimately, as with most high school to college couples, we broke-up; an action forcing me to seek out other ways to exercise my free time.

Drinking became my new favorite past time.

It started the same way every night. Carlos, Cheney and myself would buy some family sized Demon Dazes from Maggio's and wrangle over to Phil's to play pool or darts. After consuming our frozen beverages with just the slightest sting of alcohol and playing a few games of cutthroat, we would head to the lesbian Mecca, Yesterdays.

Now this is where I lose some readers. You might not recall Yesterdays as a hangout for women in comfortable shoes, but it was. A long, long time ago in a Natchitoches far, far way.

Anyway, you should get the hint you are an alcoholic when the bartender knows exactly what you want to drink. For me it was a Three Wiseman, a shot containing Jack, Jim and Jose, and a Miller.

The night would progress and my litmus test for drunkenness was whether I could hit the commode or not.

Ending around 1:30 a.m., we would pile into my car and head back to the dorm. This is what my life consisted of seven nights a week for about...well I'm not too sure how long it lasted.

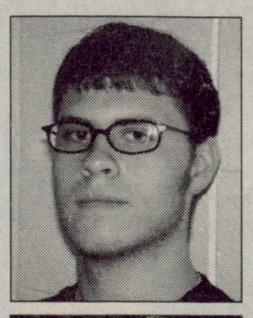
At the end of my second year, I decided not to return to NSU, or personally, the University of Substance Abuse. I possessed neither the maturity nor the inclination to succeed in college.

My GPA was a spectacular 1.8, and out of the 23 hours attempted my spring semester I achieved 5 hours. 5 hours. I know guys that can't read and are not even enrolled in college who earned more hours than me that semester. Hell, some gerbils have taken correspondence courses with more success than my first attempt at higher education.

This personal recount is not meant to talk people out of binge drinking. It is written more to enlighten on the possible outcomes of certain choices. Maybe your life won't go as off kilter as mine, but do you really want to risk it?

Next Week, Part B: Sex.

Hey look, I can write headlines too



Drew Shirley
Sauce Columnist

It's been said that headlines are the ammunition of the information age.

If indeed that's the case, then the media should be more careful where they aim.

On any typical day, the average person is assaulted by headlines in every facet of their life. These headlines range from global stories that may have little to no direct impact on the reader, to local write-ups that may illicit strong responses from the public.

It's the latter situation that can sometimes be a touchy matter.

When reporting news that will undoubtedly be of some importance to an individual or group of people on a personal level, some readers may see a responsibility on the part of the editor or writer to be sympathetic to the sensibilities or situation that has impacted those involved or related to the story.

Realistically, this scenario is almost exclusive to local news. National and international headlines are usually clear-cut and straight to the point. Local stories, on the other hand, are more likely to directly impact individuals on a personal level- be it a death, criminal charge or public accusation. The way that story is presented will either draw the praise or ire of the targeted readership.

One cannot expect the media to act as both an unbiased outlet of information and an infinitely compassionate medium. There does, however, exist a responsibility when dealing with news stories- a responsibility to remain impartial and fair, and at the same time avoid sensationalism.

Yes, the whole idea behind a headline is to grab the reader and at the same time remain short and descriptive. However, sometimes this can inadvertently be perceived as offensive or obtrusive.

For example, a recent headline in *The Alexandria Town Talk*, which read "Principal Kills Self," while technically true, exhibited very little tact on the part of the writer or editor of that particular publication. The family of the person in question read this article, only to see their tragedy become an eye-catching headline to shock.

Granted, writers and editors have a job to do and cannot agonize over individual sentiments, but there exists a certain art to headline writing. An art that should not only present a straight and to the point explanation of the story, but also show poise when dealing with subjects that may be construed as delicate to many readers of the paper.

Nobody is asking the media to suddenly become completely compassionate at the expense of reporting news quickly and efficiently. But, what the media could stand to do is be accountable for the sensitivities of its patrons.

UNCOMMON GROUND

The Great Divide: Racer relations at NSU

Ashley Pierce
Sauce Columnist

As a woman not yet accustomed to the ways of the South, I am surprised and disconcerted at the degree of racial segregation on Northwestern's campus.

The division between black and white students in our classrooms, common areas, sporting events, and dorms is overwhelming. Even within large student organizations, there are definitive racial boundaries. From the seating patterns of students in the Union to the dramatic divide between "black" and "white" fraternities and sororities, it is obvious that students are more than hesitant to allow change in the environments they are already comfortable in.

Its seems to me that the majority of students here are either too busy to worry with this situation or are too afraid to step out of their own comfort zones to try to change it.

Last spring, for example, Candice Detillier wrote a letter to the editor about acts of discrimination that she had experienced at Iberville Cafeteria. The letter was published twice in the *Current Sauce*, once on March 7, 2001, and again on March 21, 2002. The fact that the letter sparked no response in either agreement or disagreement denotes the invisibility of the race issue on campus.

I challenge each of you reading this column to try to connect with someone on campus who may be different than yourself. We should attempt to approach our surroundings with a panoramic perspective, rather than the narrow scope of our own worlds.

NSU is full of enough intelligent people with a desire to better this campus that we can surely overcome the racial divide that seems to have slipped into the social structure here. With all of us working on one accord, there is no doubt we can find a common ground.

If you have any questions, comments, or topic ideas, feel free to write us at *NSUinqueery@hotmail.com.*

Next week... Silence Equals Death.

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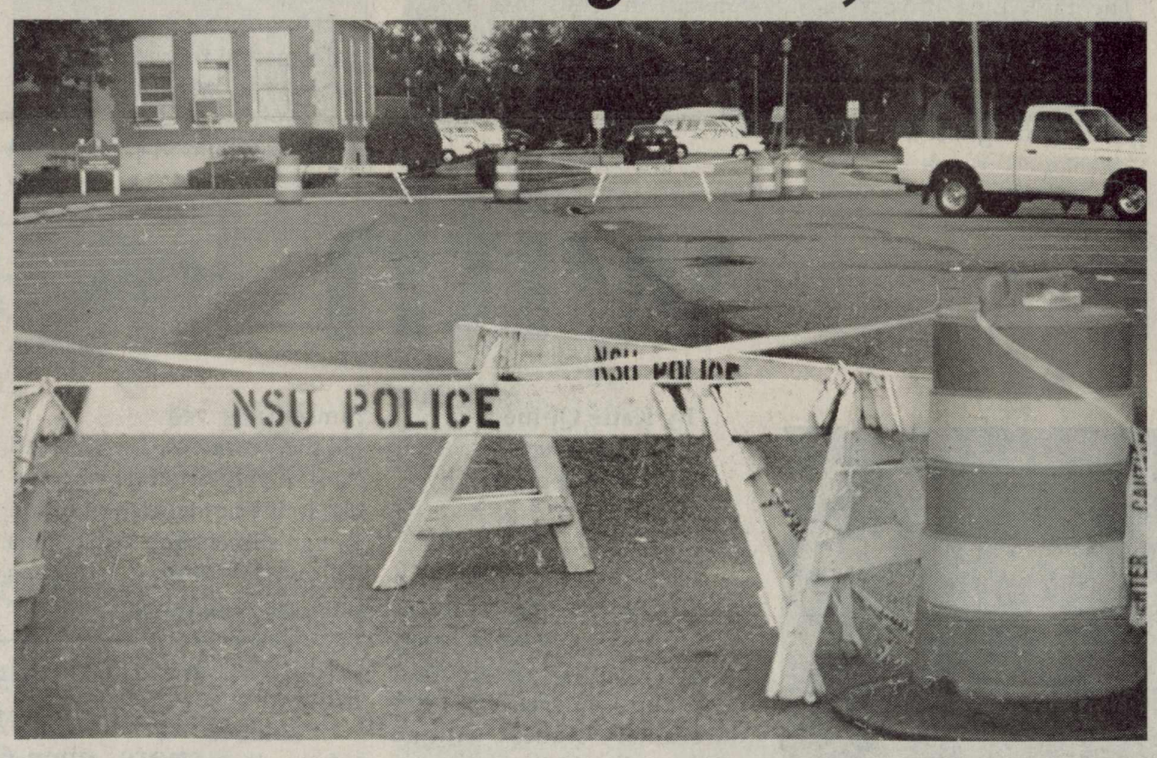

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Who says there is no parking problem on campus? The photo on the left clearly shows plenty of parking, which for some reason, was barricaded for the construction workers. The construction workers are here for renovations to Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Science building.

Make no mistake, the workers are here only to make minimum wage to support, God knows how many children. They **are not here** to sexually harass females who are walking to and from class, nor are they here to take up our parking.

Kaleb Breaux,
Editor-in-chief

Letter to the editor: 'Why do they hate me?'

In recent days an attack has been launched against me and my run for my fourth term serving the students of Northwestern as a member of their Student Senate. A select sect of flower-eating hippy scholars have banded together in an effort to thwart my efforts to be elected. They have even resorted to printing and posting propaganda calling me a "conservative hate monger" and asking their fellow nap-heads to elect anyone other than myself.

Well, I take this as a giant compliment. A group of scholars' hate me. In fact they hate me so much they have banded together to see I am not elected. This shows I must be doing something right.

"Why do they hate me?" you may ask. Well I can think of a few reasons. I act normal, I wear shirts with buttons on them, and I believe in Jesus. This goes against everything that is good and right in the world of this group of scholars'.

If this group of scholars' really has a problem with me I implore them to sign their name to their propaganda, or better yet come and express your problems and concerns to me one on one. I only ask that you bathe first and use some sort of oral hygiene product.

In closing I wish to assure this group of scholars' that they have nothing to worry about if I get elected. I can't enforce mandatory bath time, random drug tests, or the forced combing of one's hair.

Respectfully yours,
Dustin G. Floyd

Does America really bless God?

By Ashley M. Gordon
Sauce Opinion

On Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy struck America. Consecutively, passenger airplanes flew into tower one and tower two of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Terrorism had hit again.

Thousands of people were injured and thousands were killed. Instantly, Americans began to look to the government and God for answers. Billboards and commercials quickly appeared with the saying "God Bless America." Shirts and bumper stickers also began to pop up with quotes such as "In God We Trust", and "United In Prayer." Yet it's funny that Americans are begging for God to bless America when over the last decade or so God has not been able to tell if America's blessing Him. So the real question is; Is America blessing God?

On our currency we find "In God We Trust." In our pledge of allegiance we say "One nation under God." But do we actually take this all seriously? I don't think we do. America looks to God only when it's in need or when tragedy happens. Our country was built on the Bible and God, but now we want to take God out of our schools and out of our pledge of allegiance. What's next? Where does it stop and who will be bold enough to stop it?

It is also very hard to fight terrorism in other countries when we have terrorism right here in our front yard. America is so busy fighting other countries' battles yet, we are losing our battle with crime. Protecting other countries is something we've done for ages, but we're having trouble protecting ourselves.

People do not understand that if a person is unable to humble himself in the eyes of God, God himself will humble that person. America has gone years, even decades, without humbling itself. Even though it was a tragic event, Sept. 11 was America's humbling.

It's now up to America to learn from it. We have to realize that our lesson will not be taught through violence, hate or even the American way of retaliation. We have to go back to what we used to know, what we used to do. We need to put prayer back in our schools. Love must be in our hearts and not hate. We must let God judge the enemy. Most of all we must let God be our leader so we can live "one nation under God." And as soon as America begins to bless God again, God will begin to bless America.

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ΑΚΑ & ΦΜ

Women come together to fight breast cancer

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

Avon representatives, sorority members, and city officials joined together Tuesday at the Art Center in Natchitoches to host a national initiative to raise awareness for breast cancer.

The Avon Breast Cancer Crusade is an annual effort by the Avon Foundation that raises funds to assist in finding a cure for breast cancer. Avon sales representatives nationwide raise funds several ways, including special programs and events, a series of Avon Breast Cancer fundraising walks, and the sales of "pink ribbon" products.

"The Pink Line Project," which included the focus of Saving Lives and Saving Communities, is a project hosted by Avon Products Inc.

Sorority members of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Phi Mu participated in the event. A pink line was painted along the sidewalk in front of the Art Center to demonstrate a commitment to preserving the health of women in Natchitoches. Pink lemonade, pink cotton candy, and pink deserts were served as part of the activities. Other activities included a live band and a "sexiest lips" contest.

Medical administrator of Dr. Phyllis Mason's office, Katina Lyons said that Main Street Manager Courtney Hornsby who organized the project, contacted Lyons and asked for her participation.

"We were happy to come because we stress regular visits for cancer prevention," Lyons said.

Local physician Dr. Phyllis Mason was the main speaker for the event. The topics she discussed included different tactics for prevention of breast cancer. Mason stressed the importance of women being under the care of a physician, performing monthly breast exams, and after the age of 40, woman should undergo annual mammograms.

Mason said she thinks "The Pink Line Project" is a good way for women to recognize how important it is to be aware of the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women.

"I think it's wonderful of the sorority ladies and hospital workers to help with the effort,' Mason said. "The project is an effective event because we're reaching ladies of all ages,"

New Phi member Rachel Smith, said that Phi Mu was asked to bake goods such as cupcakes, cookies, and Rice Crispie Treats. The money received will be donated to the American Breast Cancer Society to help fund mammograms and other types of equipment.

"I think it was good that we could all get together and work for such a worthy cause because so many women and men are affected by the cancer," Smith said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha member Kalprina Williams said that she appreciated the event as well.

"I think that Dr. Mason was very informative in the topics she discussed and she explained those topics and statistics in ways that everyone understood," Williams said. "I feel honored that we were asked to participate."

- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer.
- Breast cancer is not one of the leading causes of death in women in general, but it is the leading cause of death in American women ages 40-55.
- Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women, after skin cancer.
- Breast cancer kills approximately 41,000 women in the United States each year.
- One in 8 women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime.
- More than 180,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

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Photo by Glenn Ward
Phi Mu member "LeeLee" Hebert and Alpha Kappa Alpha member Latisha Moham serve pink cotton candy at the breast cancer march Tuesday night.

I'm with DJ Bizzy

Photo courtesy Jana Freeman
Micah Wilson, will release his second LP tentatively titled "Break'n Through Natchitoches." Wilson has even played at Club La Vila in Florida.

By Katie Quibedaux
Sauce Reporter
Additional reporting by
Karen Patriquin

DJ Bizzy is a senior at Northwestern majoring in health and exercise science. DJ Bizzy is a DJ at the local club, The Pinnacle, but he is no ordinary student with an on-the-side job.

Micah Wilson has been a DJ/producer for three years and is about to release his second LP which is tentatively titled "Break'n Through Natchitoches."

Wilson calls himself "DJ Bizzy" and he has played at extremely popular spots such as Maco's in Alexandria, The Bedrock, Yesterday's, and even Club La Vila in Panama City, Florida--one of the largest clubs in America.

Wilson got into deejaying with artists like Johnny Cage and DJ Trashy, popular on the club scene in Lafayette. Wilson watched them mix some songs and decided to try it himself.

He then connected with Chad Paul, a veteran at The Pinnacle, in his hometown of Baton Rouge. Since then Wilson has followed Paul's footsteps back to Natchitoches where he hopes to "bring in the new."

"This town has the potential to be a fun place to go out," Wilson said. "The times are changing and with that, the music is too. People here are tired of the same old songs every night when they go out. It's time to bring new age music to them, and that is what I am about."

■ He has played at extremely popular spots...even Club La Vila in Panama City, Florida one of the largest clubs in America.

Wilson says the crowd in Natchitoches likes to listen to old stuff.

"They don't like anything new," he said. "You go to any large city, Baton Rouge, or anywhere else and there is a new upbeat style music. People need a change."

Wilson's specialty is techno. His genre is local break beats mixed with '80s remixes and female backing vocals.

Songs such as Phil Collins' "In the Air Tonight" and "Heaven" are featured on his first CD "Out tha' Rouge."

Bizzy can take a slow tempo song like Lil' Troy's "Wanna Be a Baller" or Journey's "Who's Crying Now" and speed it up and mix it to produce a great dance song.

"I like to make people happy," Wilson said. "I like to make my own music, and when I listen to people who like my own stuff it makes me happy."

"I went from deejaying at the largest club in America (Club La Vila,) to getting my work time cut in half for a DJ that can't mix a salad."

Wilson is referring to another local DJ who works at The Pinnacle, whom Wilson claims does not have the right ingredients to compare to his original mixes.

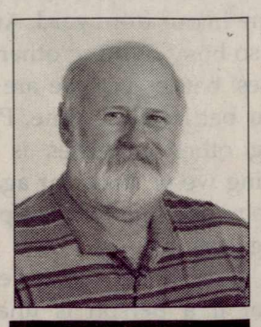
Bizzy's new LP features all new originals mixed entirely by him. He says it will be out in Sam Goody stores very soon.

Jana Freeman, a close personal friend of Wilson, said DJ Trashy of Lafayette commented on DJ Bizzy saying he is a person to watch out for.

"People don't realize that you cannot become a good DJ over night," Wilson said. "I've been doing this for three years, and there is still a lot I need to learn. There's more to it than just songs after songs, it's not supposed to sound like the radio, it's supposed to keep the people on their toes."

Professor brings students home

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter



Rushing

A local family is trying to bring a little culture to Natchitoches by allowing folk music performers to put on shows in their home. NSU professor Ben Rushing and his wife Cathy have been doing just that by having house concerts in their home for about three years.

The Rushing family invites traveling folk music acts from across the nation to come stay in their home a few nights. The family gives the performers room and board in return only asking that the performers play a show. The couple then invites any interested people to come enjoy the show. They only charge the guests a $10 fee to attend. All money made goes to the performer not the Rushings.

"I look at it as throwing a party," Cathy said, "there is gong to be some expenses."

The show takes on the form of parties, due to the close-knit gathering of friends enjoying the music. The household is full of snacks to munch and the Rushings make everyone feel welcome in their home.

This past Friday, The Rushings hosted Jack Hardy in their home. Hardy, who is from New York, has been playing folk Music for close to 41 years.

"I've been playing house concerts since before they were called house concerts, " Hardy said, before the start of his performance. "This is the natural habitat for this [folk] music."

Hardy put on an intimate show for the crowd Friday night. He expressed closeness to the crowd that he finds lost in most large venue concerts.

"I ran across an article in *Texas Highways* magazine on house concerts," Ben said.

The family started doing the house concerts after Ben read the article in August 1999, and they now try to hold shows every month in the fall and spring.

Anyone interested in the house concerts can e-mail the Rushings at: kerrvert@bellsouth.net; all are welcome to attend.

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The eighth wonder of the world: *Why are my books so expensive?*

By Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter

Your teachers have made a decision. The books have been chosen. The bookstore has been notified.

Now what?

The booksellers contact the publishers to find out the prices of the books and to place orders. This may be the first time that price is ever discussed.

"The professor may or may not know what the price is," Lee Waskom, owner of Campus Corner said. "The professors are choosing what they think is in their best interest...to teach the curriculum."

Some teachers may inquire about the price before hand while others are not aware until students complain-and they do complain. Most complaints are aimed at the bookstore. Waskom believes that most students have the impression that booksellers raise prices and pocket the money for themselves. Not true.

"The people who are getting the most money are the publishers," Waskom said. The price that the publisher sells the book for is the same no matter who buys it. After it is purchased from the publisher, it is up to the individual retailer to decide what the mark-up will be.

Waskom uses a 20% margin in setting his prices. So, if a book costs $80, Waskom will sell it for $100.

"A twenty percent margin is at the low end of the industry standard," Waskom said. "It is simply a competitive decision I have made in order to lower my prices. I am significantly lower [than NSU]. Their prices are all over the place."

> ***"Publishers hate used books, so every two years, they come out with a new edition."***
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> **-Lee Waskom**
> About used books

However, publishers are constantly raising prices.

"They raise the prices way above inflation. The national inflation rate is about three or four percent," Waskom said.

According to Waskom the average inflation rate for publishers is 8% to 15%, depending on the publisher. Waskom thinks of the publishing industry as a monopoly.

"The textbook industry is an unusual industry," Waskom said. "It's the only industry I know of where the customer doesn't get to select from a variety of books."

Publishers know that if a book is required, students will have to buy it, so prices do not matter.

"They [publishers] don't care what you think about it," Waskom said.

Waskom has to use the income from selling books not only to pay himself, but also to pay for the cost of running Campus Corner. That includes paying all the bills, employees, damages, restocking fees, shipping of books from the publisher and shipping if he has to return books.

"I have to ship back about 30 percent of what I bring in," Waskom said.

The majority of Waskom's business is used books, which can sometimes be a problem.

"Publishers hate used books, so every two years, they come out with a new edition," Waskom said. It is hard for Waskom to keep used books for very long because of the new editions, especially if teachers require them.

"The publishers also try these other games," Waskom said. They sometimes insert CD's and subscription services to websites. "Students don't need that mess.

They put stuff in there so that there is no way you can sell it used," Waskom said. "I can't buy it back [from students] because I can't resell it," Waskom said.

Waskom has the option of shipping the books to another school that is accepting used books, but that is also another cost he has to pay for. When possible, he will hold on to used books that might be used the next semester.

New or used, books for a semester can add up to a lot of money.

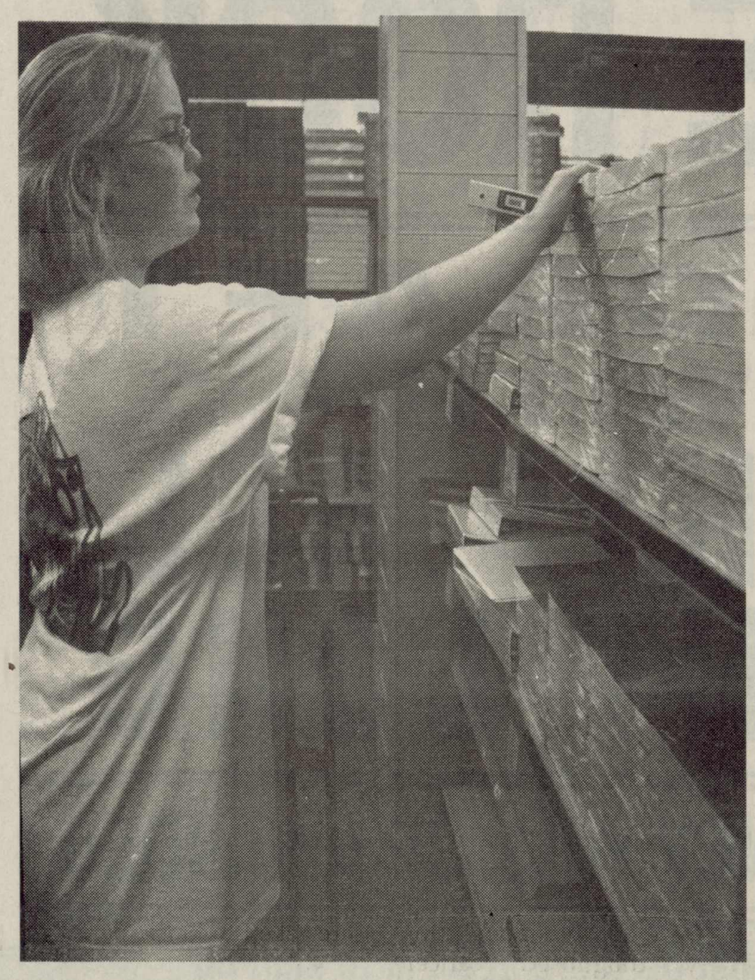
"They're expensive for you, they're expensive for me," Waskom said. "I have to sometimes go get loans just to cover the books on the shelf that are going to sit there until next semester."

When Waskom first opened Campus Corner in 1988, the average price of a new book was $45. "The average price of a new book these days is $100 and every semester it goes up," Waskom said.

Used books are generally 25% off the cost of new books. When the price of new books goes up, the price of used books goes up also, but not as fast.

"If you have a new book go up $10, the used book price will go up the $7.50," Waskom said. "Pretty soon, used books are going to cost $110.

Personally, I think the students need to see this as a cost of education; like cost of tuition," Waskom said. "[But] I agree with you that it's ridiculous."



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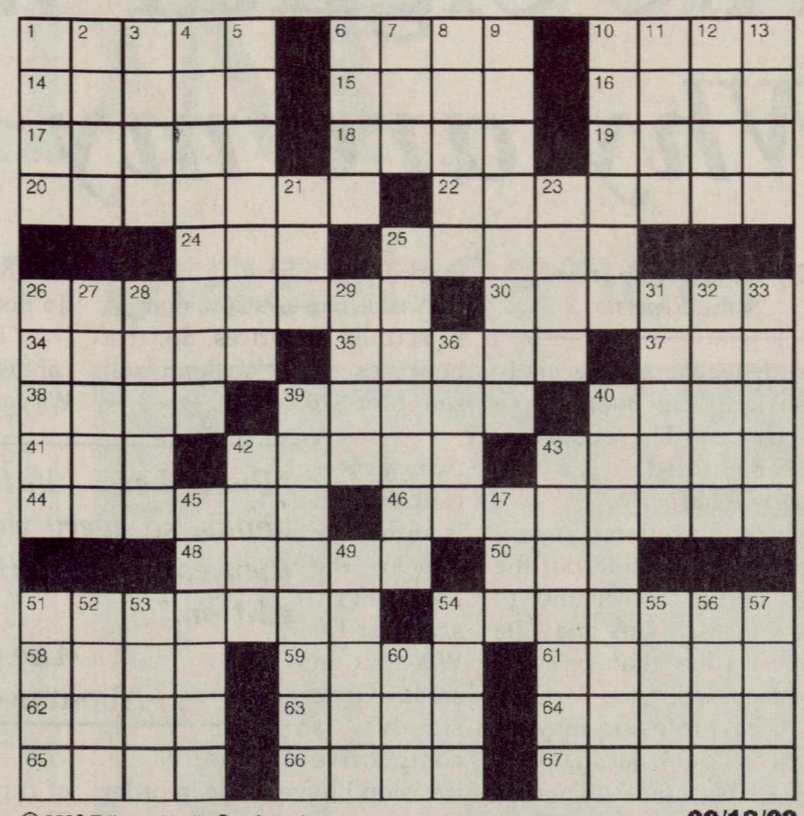

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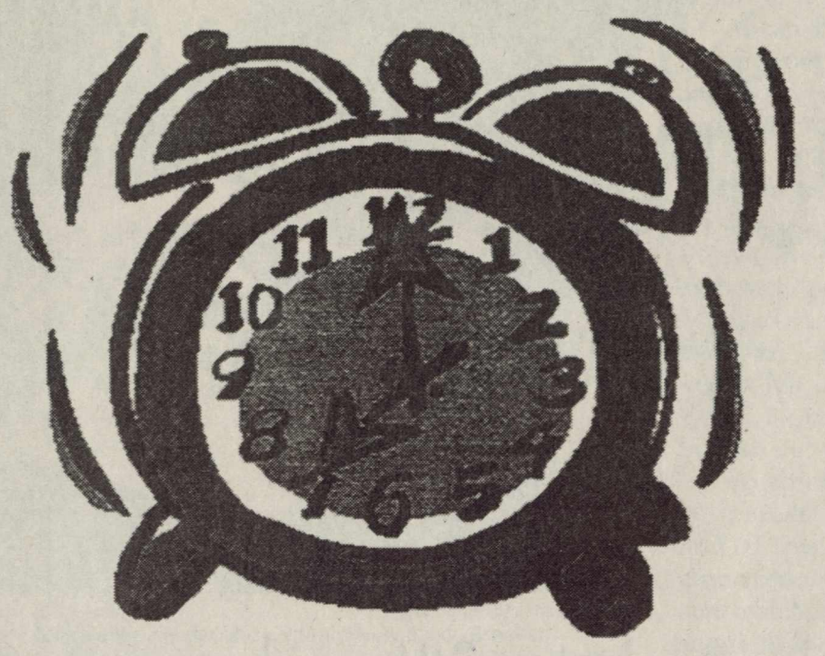

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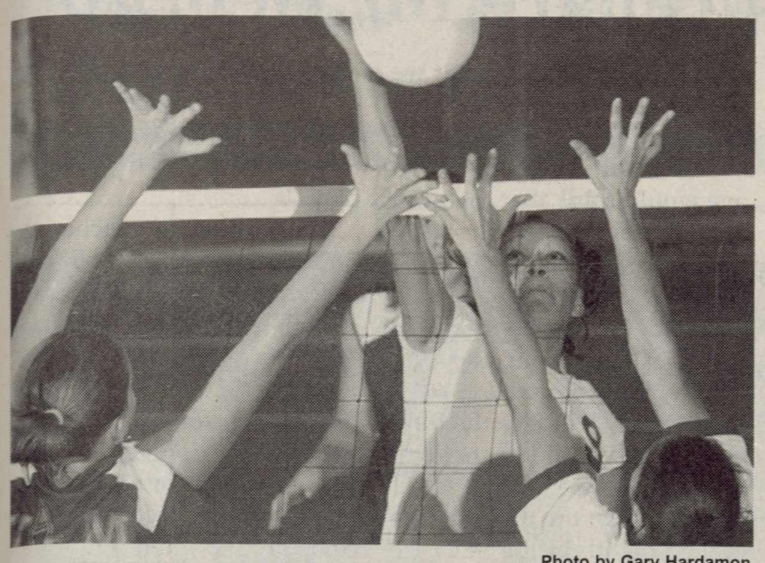


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Bernnize Fonseca going up against players from ULM.

By: Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The Demon Volleyball team swept up a double victory during debut conference games against Centenary College and University of Louisiana at Monroe on Tuesday.

NSU's Volleyball team began with Centenary at 11 a.m. Northwestern swept Centenary 3-0 raising the Demons' record to 8-8.

The midday win over Centenary, by 30-8, 30-28, 30-14, gave Northwestern more victories than it had all of last year in a 6-23 campaign.

Christina Stone led NSU in the game with an impressive hit of .533 (8 kills, 0 errors, 15 attacks).

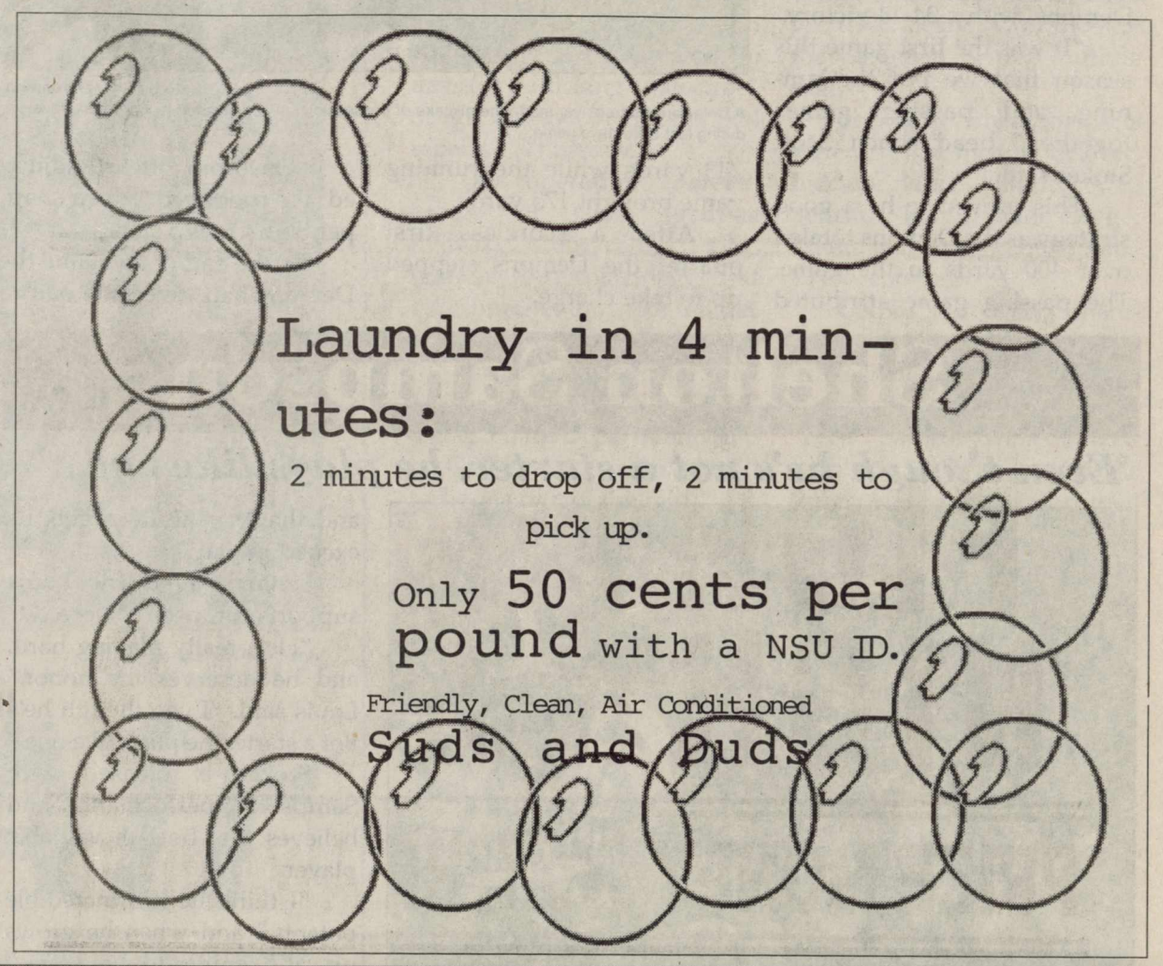
Flavia Belo had 34 assists and Bernnize Fonseca had 4 aces.

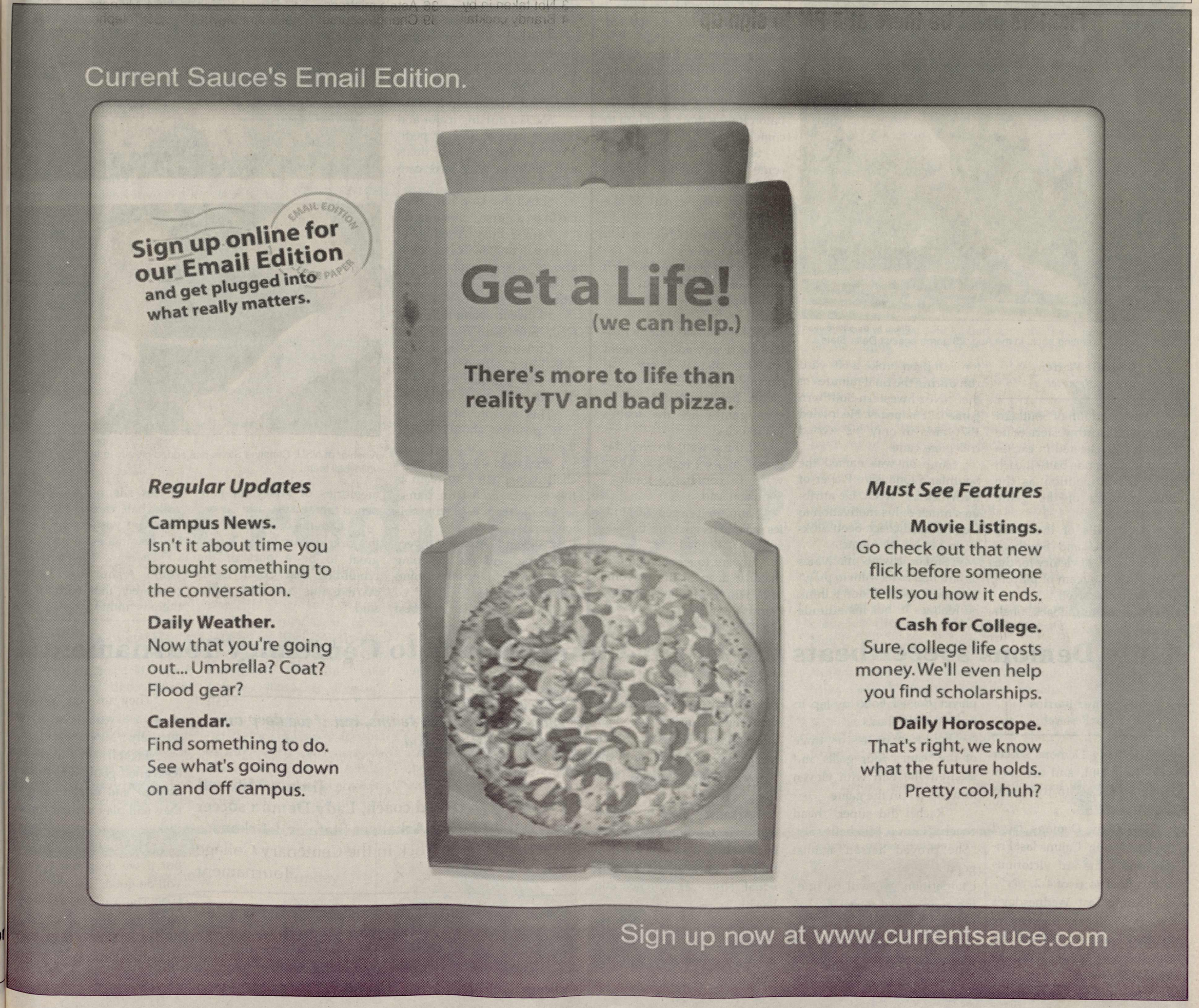
Later that night, NSU rolled 30-16, 30-25 before ULM bounced back for a defeat in the third game. The Demons pulled away with a 30-20 victory against ULM in the fourth game.

NSU Lady Demons have expectations for the other conference games to follow.

"I feel really good because we beat two very strong teams in the conference, and we have potential to be in the top six or higher. We are setting a record that was better than last year," Shannon Puder, Demon Volleyball player, said.

Northwestern plays at home on Friday night at 7 p.m. against Stephen F. Austin and Saturday at 2 p.m. against Sam Houston in a pair of SLC matches.





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Demons tackle Delaware into submission; prepare for Georgia

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Photo by Gary Hardamon
A Delaware State player made the mistake of possession and is punished by 6 Demon players during last Saturdays game.

After a long day of plane and bus rides that stretched over 1,300 miles and eight states, and, not to mention, a football game, the Demon football team finally arrived home from Dover, Delaware.

"It felt good to home and to be able to finally relax," kicker Josh Storres said.

The Demons, indeed, deserved some relax time after taking the Hornets on a roller coaster ride that left the Demons with a 34-14 victory.

"It was the first game this season that we put the running and passing games together," head coach Scott Stoker said.

This proved to be a good strategy as the Demons totaled over 400 yards in the game. The passing game attributed 243 yards while the running game brought 175 yards.

After a scoreless first quarter the Demons stepped up to take charge.

"Once our offense adjusted, we produced," deep snapper Seth Ortego said.

By the end of the game the Demons had given the ball to John Gilpin, Brent Smith, Jeremy Lofton and Derrick Johnese to score a total of five touchdowns.

Johnese would run 125 yards and take two of those touchdowns himself.

To assist with making these plays were wide receiver Devon Lockett who would make a 65-yard reception to bring the ball to the one-yard line, and cornerback Terrence McGee who intercepted two Hornet passes to give the offense another drive.

The Demons produced defensively taking 88 yards from the Hornets in 18 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. They fought hard enough to hold their offense to two touchdowns and only 212 total yards.

"We did nothing different than we do every week," defensive coach Darren Drago said. "We line up, do what we need to do and try to hold up."

With all of this in mind one would think that the team would celebrate.

However, that is not the case. The Demons have moved on from last week's game to their next opponent, the University of Georgia. Next week the Demons will face the Bulldogs on their home field in Athens, Georgia.

Although the Bulldogs are ranked eighth in the SEC, the Demons do not seem to be worried.

"The players seem more excited than nervous," Drago said.

However they are aware of the challenge the Bulldogs bring to this division 1-AA club.

"They're playing with older guys so I'm expecting no mistakes," Stoker said.

"They're number eight for a reason. We're going to have to play hard and try to make plays."

According to coaches the Bulldog offense is not anything the Demons have not seen before and that they will be ready to play on Saturday.

"The SEC is the pinnacle of college football," Stoker said. "It's a privilege any time we get to play a SEC school. It's a chance that does not come around often."

Knowing that last week brought victory hardly motivates the team.

Stoker said, "Playing a SEC team should be enough."

Perhaps it is best put as said by Football Secretary Elizabeth Holloway.

"They're all focused on Georgia now. Delaware is in the past."

Shelton Sampson

'Even though he's not a starter, he plays like one...'

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Sampson, NSU running back, in the Aug. 29 game against Delta State.

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

A stadium full of Southern Jaguar and Northwestern State Demon fans cheered in excitement while bands battled each other in competition as the final minutes of the game approached.

The results of the game between NSU and Southern included a 30-20 victory for the Demons and a team of players that performed well.

Sophomore tailback, Shelton Sampson broke a 60- yard run during the final minutes of the Northwestern-Southern game last Saturday. He totaled 157 yards in only his second collegiate game.

Sampson was named the Southland Offensive Player of the Week last week. He attributes much of his motivation to Demon head coach Scott Stoker, and to his teammates.

"Stoker always motivates us and makes us want to play," Sampson said. "I don't think he realizes it, but his attitude and the way he talks gets us excited to play."

Senior safety Eric Louis supports Sampson's success.

"He's really playing hard, and he deserves the honor," Louis said. "Even though he's not a starter, he plays like one."

Stoker is pleased with Sampson's performance and believes that he is a valuable player.

"I think he has incredible potential and when he grows up, it's going to be scary," Stoker said. "He's a good kid with untapped material."

Sampson is a Baton Rouge Redemptory High alumnus. He said that his football scholarship and the want to leave Baton Rouge motivated him to come to NSU.

Sampson also said that some family friends are big Southern fans, but they support his being a part of the Demons.

"My parent's friends talk noise sometimes about the competition between Southern and Northwestern, but they still support me," Sampson said.

Sampson said that he realizes the rivalry and excitement the fans display every year during the NSU-Southern game, but Southland conference games are the team's main focus.

"I think we'll do well this season and we really look forward to conference games," Sampson said.

Sampson is a general studies major. His goals for the season are unlimited.

"I want to win conference, make it deep in the playoffs, and win the whole thing," Sampson said.

Christina Stone

With a belief in God and herself,Stone is a Demon on fire

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Photo by Gary Hardamon
A senior at NSU, Christina Stone has added greatly to the Lady Demon volleyball team.

For the past four years, senior volleyball player Christina Stone has seen many victories and loses with the NSU Demon Volleyball team.

After making the All Tournament Team at Western Illinois and at Arkansas State and some of the highest statistics in the conference, Stone is looking forward to setting a new record with her teammates.

Christina Stone is a native of Houston, TX. She began playing volleyball at the age of 11, before junior high school.

In 1999, Stone accepted a volleyball scholarship to NSU.

She is a nursing major and plans to have a career in pediatric oncology, which deals with children who have cancer.

"I feel that God has called me to be a nurse," Stone said.

With a busy schedule of volleyball and school, Stone is also an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

" I love to spend time with God," Stone said.

Christina Stone is an outside hitter, which is on the front row and hits the ball to the left.

This season, Stone feels very positive about making the top 6.

She feels that the most challenging game to team is the Steven F. Austin game, which the team is playing this weekend.

"Steven F. Austin is a very big game, and we are going into it with a positive mind set," Stone said.

Stone says that her best memories of volleyball happened this season.

" I am the only senior and the girls look up to me. It feels great to be a part of the rebuilding that Coach Davis started this season," Stone said.

As she reflected on her volleyball career, Stone gave words of wisdom for her fellow teammates.

"Believe in yourself and your teammates. Always remember that without God there is nothing."

Lady Demons soccer beats the Ragin' Cajuns; heads to Centenary Tournament

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons soccer team beat ULL and are now looking forward to their next challenge.

The Lady Demons faced the ULL Ragin' Cajuns last Friday, and came out victorious with a final score of 4-2.

During last Wednesday's loss to Centenary sophomore Brittany Hung was red carded, which caused her to sit out the following game.

This allowed for first-year player Rachel Folk to step in against the Cajun's.

Fold went on to score three of the team's four goals and assured the win with eleven minutes left in the game.

"Rachel did super," head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "She proved herself against good
competition. We will be finding more ways to get her on the field."

With that victory behind them and their record now at 2-3-1 the Lady Demons now have their sights set on this weekend's Centenary College Tournament where they will face Arkansas State and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock at home.

Arkansas State is ranked eighth in the Sunbelt Conference with a 2-4 record, which makes Friday's match up equal. However, Mitchell still has his worries.

"We have more quickness than Arkansas State, but they are very organized," Mitchell said.

"They will be tough teams, but if we deep our focus we will do good..."

-Jimmy Mitchell
Head coach, Lady Demon soccer
About facing Arkansas State and Arkansas Little Rock in the Centenary College Tournament

The University of Arkansas-Little Rock is ranked third in the Sunbelt Conference and may be the biggest challenge.

Their first and only loss came last week against Tennessee-Martin after the Lady Demons won their first five games.

"They are very similar to us so we will have to focus mentally," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said that the team feels good going into the tournament and is confident that they will play to their top abilities.

"They will be tough teams but if we deep our focus we will do good," Mitchell said.

The Lady Demons play Arkansas State at 4 p.m. on Friday and then play Arkansas-Little Rock at 2 p.m. on Sunday at home.

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Junior Glenn Tillman and freshmen Marlon Turner and Adam Foster work the audio booth during a shooting of the News 22 student newscast.

On the Air

By Katie Quebedeaux
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern has a new NSU22 crew this semester.

The new crew is a larger crew with a lot of new faces, as well as some returning students. The station is becoming popular, and as a result, there is a larger variety of student participation.

The students involved in NSU22 said the larger production crew is beneficial to their weekly newscasts. Just under a year ago there were only two producers and two assistant producers. This semester there are four producers and eight assistant producers.

"Now we have a real big variety of people to put their input in instead of just one or two people trying to come up with something," returning anchor Trisha Cormier said. "The time (producers spend working on stories) gets cut down in half at least."

"Plus with more people, you can come up with craftier things to say," sports anchor Mark Wethington said.

Reporters from journalism classes 3470, 4400, and 4440 turn in packages - packaged stories - for the NSU newscast.

The news is then aired live by the NSU22 crew at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reruns are shown at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. There are different anchors on each newscast.

The students of NSU22 are also hoping the larger newscast will achieve a broader horizon of viewership.

> ***"We look at NSU22 as a lab somewhat unlike the other student media."***
>
> **-Mary Brocato**
> **NSU22 Adviser**

"We do it for the students," Wethington said. "If you don't want to go to the game, I'm giving you the rundown of what happened, and even if you did go to the game, I'm going to give you something you didn't know."

NSU22 is a campus-based station. Cormier said any big event that happens on campus that otherwise might have been unknown about can be viewed on NSU22.

"In every package there is usually short interviews with students," Cormier said. "We get footage of students in the union, students at different events, SAB events and SGA. You might see yourself, your friend."

The NSU22 crew said they are all friends and they agree the experience they get from the station is valuable and rewarding to them.

The older students are excited about the new students on the crew being really involved this semester. The crew as a whole expects a better news program that is fun

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115 nabbed in national 'date rape' drug bust; Natchitoches unaffected

From CNN reports
with additional reporting by Sauce Reporter Linda D. Held

One hundred and fifteen people were arrested in 84 cities in the United States and Canada over a span of two days for trafficking "date rape" drugs via the Internet, CNN reported Thursday.

The operation targeted sellers of GHB (gamma hydroxy butyrate), GBL (gamma butyrolactone), and 1,4 butanediol, sometimes called BD.

Greg Dunn, assistant chief of narcotics for the Natchitoches Police Department, said no GHB was seized in Natchitoches as part of the raid.

"We have gotten marijuana, zanbars, oxycontin, and X... we've gotten reports of GHB use, but haven't seized any," Dunn said.

The seizure of drugs has skyrocketed in recent months, John Varrone, assistant commissioner for the U.S. Customs Service, said. Last year, there were 47 confiscations of the drugs; this year there have been 900, nearly all of them at the Canadian border, Varrone said.

Locations where suspects were arrested include Quebec; Buffalo, N.Y.; Mobile, Ala.; Sparta, Tenn.; San Diego, Calif.; and Saint Louis, Mo., CNN reported.

CNN's story said Canadian websites usually sell the drugs in liter-sized bottles. The drugs are sometimes used at "rave" parties. Drinks spiked with the colorless, odorless drugs are usually consumed for the chemical euphoria they can evoke, but sometimes as the first step in sexual assault.

The DEA has documented 72 deaths related to GHB and its derivatives.

SGA run-offs to end today

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

The student body elected 20 members to serve on the 2002 NSU Homecoming Honor Court, including a King and Queen, and eight student Senators on Sept. 18 and 19.

Run-off elections for Mr. and Miss NSU and three Freshman Class Senator positions started Wednesday morning and continued through this afternoon.

"It's really exiting to have been nominated," Jennifer Paul, a member of this year's Homecoming Court, said. "I know it's going to be a busy week, but I'm looking forward to having a good time."

Dymphna Davis and Laci Stokes, candidates for Miss NSU, also are on the Homecoming Honor Court. Stokes, who received the most votes of the 10 women, was named Homecoming Honor Court Queen.

"I'm just taking it all in right now," Stokes said. "It's an amazing honor to have even been nominated with the record enrollment this year. It's really blowing my mind."

"There were tons of amazing people nominated,"Stokes said. "Both Dymphna and I are aptly qualified."

There will also be a run-off between Quincy Spencer and Miguel Womack for the title of Mr. NSU. The run-off will finish this afternoon as well.

Spencer has also been nominated to serve as the 2002 NSU Homecoming King.

Six candidates will be involved in a run-off for Freshman Class Senator. Only three candidates can serve as Senator during the year-long term.

The candidates include April Johnson, Amanda Breaux, Christopher Henry, Chad Maggio, Kimberly DeVille and Kayla Brossett.

Run-off results will be announced tonight at 6.

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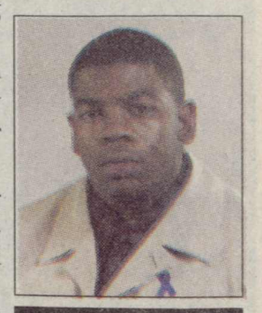

Womack

What's the big deal about Accreditation?

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter

As the fall semester begins to near midterm, students prepare for their first tests, but it is not just the students preparing for tests.

Departments, like journalism, industrial engineering and technology, and masters in student personnel services, are also getting ready for test of their own. These tests come in the form of an accreditation team.

Don Hatley, dean of the college of liberal arts, said, "Accreditation means that individual programs meet national standards of education."

By being accredited, it means for students that courses offered are recognized by employers, graduate schools and other undergraduate schools as being conducive to set regional and national standards.

"Accreditation means a pursuit of excellence," Joel Worley of the college of business said.

To become an accredited organization, whether a department or school, it must first choose an accreditation association to sponsor them about two years before actual accreditation hearings.

"No matter what, accreditation is a two year process," William Brent, head of the college of creative and performing arts, said.

Such associations could be the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business, which sponsors the college of business, or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which sponsors the whole uni-

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L.A. families accuse national AKA of hazing with $100 million lawsuit

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The families of two dead sorority pledges in Los Angeles are suing the sorority's national chapter for more than $100 million.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha pledges, Kristin High and Kenitha Saafir, were found drowned off a Los Angeles beach on Sept. 9.

Though the police initially deemed it as an accident, an independent investigator hired by the families claimed to have found evidence that the girls were engaged in a hazing ritual.

The families' suit argues that after several days of being made to do embarrassing chores, the two sleep-deprived girls were brought to the Dockweiler State Beach and instructed to "engage in a tiring set of rigorous calisthenics on the sucking sand of the beach."

After this, the suit claims High and Saafir were led into the riptide of the ocean blindfolded and tied by their hands.

A statement released by lawyers for the families said, "The waves were cresting at six to eight feet and creating a strong under-current resulting from riptides."

The suit alleges that the rough conditions of the water was the cause of the two girls' deaths.

The NSU chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has not yet made an official statement about the incident.

However, one unnamed local sorority chapter spokesman reiterated that NSU has a strict no-hazing policy that all organizations on campus are required to adhere to.

NSU22, new crew returns to the tube

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to watch.

"The journalism department here is the best in the state. I think it is," Cormier said.

Cormier and Wethington both agree that the station's facilities are adequate for broadcast students who need to prepare for jobs in the real world.

"We got a set and a crew like no one else," Wethington said.

"This is where you're going to mess up if you need to mess up before you get out into the real world," Cormier said.

Photo by Sheryl Thompson
NSU22 crew members prepare Tuesday afternoon before filming an edition of News 22. The student newscast airs six times a week.

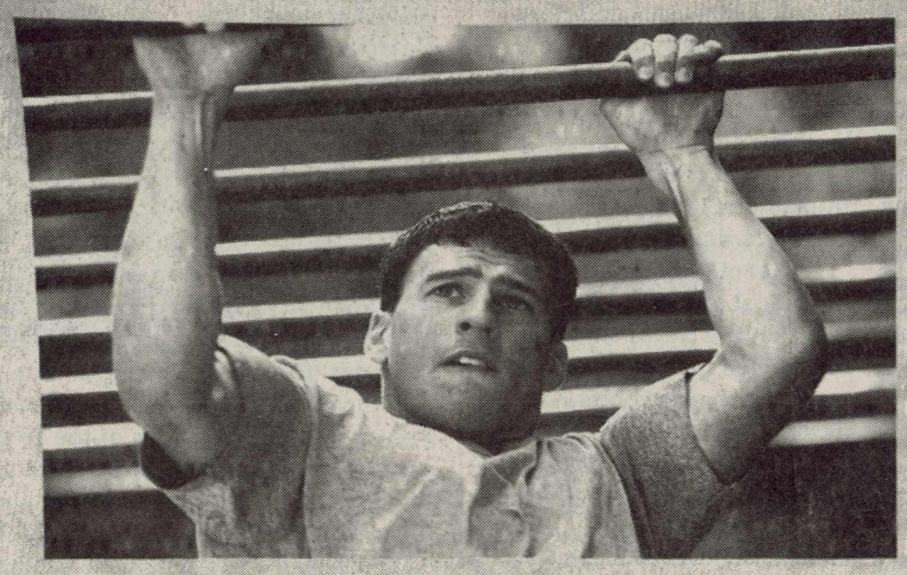
University student Kyle Carter watches NSU22 and said it is because the crew involves his fellow students, and he has respect for what they are trying to do.

The NSU 22 crew enjoys being a part of the newscast, because it gives them a chance to meet new people, get on camera, and get to know professors.

"It's a learning experience for all of them," said Mary Brocato, assistant journalism professor and NSU22 adviser. "We look at NSU 22 as a lab somewhat unlike the other student media."

Things to watch for on the news this fall semester are highlights on sports, the NSU Preview show on weekends, new anchors, creative stories, a news ticker, and maybe footage of yourself roaming around somewhere on campus.

Students interested in getting involved with NSU22 still can. There are plenty of jobs for students to do. Contact Brocato in room 108D of Kyser Hall.



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Essays are due by October 4 to Room 213 in Rapides Hall.

Student Government Association

The SGA will be hosting motivational speaker Rick Rigsby tonight at 7:30 in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information contact the SGA office at 4501.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Pratt in Room 314E or call at 357-5590.

Student Activities Board

Attention all organizations. Homecoming packets are due on Oct. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Join an SAB committee! Come to Room 214 of the Student Union for more information and meeting times.

Want to be the next Lady of the Bracelet? Come to Room 214 of the Student Union to sign up.

Come celebrate Family Day on Oct. 5. Ventriloquist Keith Haddrill will perform at 2 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m. for families. There will be door prizes and entertainment.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club encourages all Psychology majors and minors to join. Meetings are held in Bienvenu Hall in Room 305 every other Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday at 3 p.m. There is no specific GPA required!

Phi Mu

Phi Mu would like to congradulate Jessica Breaux and Allison Miers for being selected to the 2002 Homecoming court. We would also like to welcome Kathy Williams, our National President, to Northwestern State University.

Argus

Copies of the 2002 NSU student literary journal, Argus, may be picked up in the Writing Center, 335 Kyser Hall, beginning Friday. This year's Argus includes a CD containing original musical compositions by NSU students. There is a limit of one journal and CD to each student.

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Accreditation preparations

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versity regionally.

After choosing a sponsor, the organization will receive a list of criteria for accreditation. This list can include a certain size faculty, specific classes to be taught, specific types of equipment, etc.

The organization then changes to meet these criteria. About six months before accreditation hearings, the group can next call in a consultant to determine if the school complies with the required criteria.

The consultant lets the organization know what to change or not change. After the consultant leaves, the group then makes more changes or keeps themselves the same depending on the consultants information.

About two months before actual accreditation is given, a team comes in from the sponsor and checks to assure the organization meets their set standards. The team will interview students, faculty and department staff, study past graduate history to see how those students fared in the job world, sit in classes, etc. to see if the group fists the association's standards.

Finally the team releases a report either positive or negative. The group is given time to respond to negative reports. Accreditation is usually awarded in November and June and organizations usually have to under go accreditation every 10 years.

There are also different levels of accreditation. There is totally unaccredited where the organization does not meet any of their sponsor's criteria.

There is provisional accreditation where the organization is put on a probation period to make changes to itself. Under provisional accreditation, the organization is not completely off their sponsor's criteria but may have a few problems that need changing.

Finally, total accreditation is when the group is accredited because it meets all standards.

"It is a very important performance indicator," Randall Webb, University president, said. "NSU is the only university in the state to have 100 percent of its eligible degrees nationally accredited."

It is important for a group to be regionally accredited before it is nationally accredited. By being regionally accredited, the group will have an easier time applying for national accreditation.

Accreditation simply places a level of excellence on a department or school. By being accredited students become the sole beneficiaries of the school's pursuit for excellence. A nationally accredited organization says to others that the students in it are being taught the skills to allow them to compete on a national level.

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SGA inducts senators, passes $14.8k budget

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

When SGA senator-at-large Scott Manguno stood up to start the student senate's prayer at Monday's weekly meeting, he hesitated for a moment.

It was just long enough of a pause for newly-elected junior class senator Dustin Floyd to start it for him, proceeding to thank God for being there and for giving the senate the ability to help the students.

Then Floyd went right into the pledge, just as scheduled. When he sat down, Floyd was positively beaming.

"Game on," Floyd said, smiling quietly as he and the rest of the senate sat down.

At a speedy meeting where SGA president Stacie Cosby asked the senate for more legislation, Floyd - despite not being officially sworn in until 15 minutes into the meeting - came prepared with two bills, each co-authored by fellow senator Luke Hutchinson.

The legislation, to spend $260 to fund the Homecoming Honor Court banquet and $113.29 for the Honor Court Queen's crown, was tabled until next week as per usual senate rules regarding non-emergency bills.

Cosby said she would soon suggest a student supreme court justice appointee to the senate. The senate must approve anyone chosen to fill a vacancy in the school career-long post.

The senate also approved the SGA's $14,820 budget, which includes $8,663 set aside for supplies, $7,082 for scholarships and $3,570 for travel expenses.

Approval of the budget had been delayed by problems in printing the final numbers, fiscal affairs chair Dustin Mathews said.

Minutes 09-23-02

Call to Order - 7:14 p.m.

The prayer was lead by Dustin Floyd. The pledge was lead by Dustin Floyd.

Roll Call

Present
Adam Allen
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Tometrius Greer
Liz Hughes
Luke Hutchinson
Jennifer Jensen
Linzie Ledford
Scott Manguno
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Adam Stoll
Cade Strong
Ryan Terry

Absent
Cory Markham
Taylor Morgan
Elizabeth Webb

Executive Reports

Treasurer - Dustin Mathews
The budget is printed out, look over it and if you have any questions, please see me.

Cade Strong walked in.

Vice President – Jennifer Jenson
The election run-offs will be this Wednesday and Thursday. You have to have at a minimum one (1) hour working the poles. Also, make sure you complete three (3) office hours a week. Department heads need to give me a report on their meeting this week, I only have two turned in. If you are going to be absent for something, you need to hand in an excuse. You have two days before and after the event to get it excused.

President – Stacie Cosby
Student Technology budget has been started. The Adult Learning Center should be up at the end of this week. LACUSPA/COSBP is next Monday, thru Wednesday. Due to the outrageous expenses, no one will be able to go with me, however there will be a COSBP October 26th and 27th. The One Card system is still underway. I am attending a workshop in Baltimore MD to further discuss it. Please start writing your legislation. You need two pieces by the end of the semester. The nominations for the Supreme Court Justice will be next week. We need to decide who will participate in this year's homecoming parade.

Departmental Reports

Academic Affairs - Mindy McConell
I am passing around the Pick-a-Prof petition. Please sign it if you support it. Dr. Rick Rigsby will be here Sept. 26th at 7:00.

External Affairs - Cade Strong
We made election signs. We will make more signs as soon as we get more people on the committee.

Fiscal Affairs - Dustin Mathews
In Line Hockey proposal meeting to discuss funds. It will be on Emergency Status next Monday.

Internal Affairs - Greg Comeaux
Met for a while today, and discussed the Election Code. Ideas will go into effect when there are more members in the meetings.

Student Affairs - Luke Hutchinson
Meetings will be Wednesdays at 2:00.

SAB Report - Ryan Terry
Passed money for: PR ($1,000), Coffee House ($120), Service learning ($100), Paint Wars ($600), and water/Aramark ($150).

Advisor's Report - Mr. Henry
We realy need help working the poles on Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am and 2 pm. Thanks to Adam and Sharmyn for their work last week. I wont be here next Monday due to COSBP.

Supreme Court Report - Supreme Court Justice
None.

Old Business
Mindy McConnell moves to approve the budget, Scott Manguno seconds the motion. Motion passes by role call vote 12-0-1.

New Business
The new Senators were sworn in. Greg Comeaux, Liz Hughes, Andy Jacob, Casey Ponder, and Dustin Floyd all took their Oath of Office.

Fiscal Affair appts. Were as follows:
Greg Comeaux
Adam Stoll - Organizational Grants
Ryan Terry
Scott Manguno - Student Self Assess
Dustin Floyd - Club Sports

Luke Hutchinson moves to approve these appointments, Scott Manguno seconds. Motion passes by role call vote 16-0-1. Bills FA02-003 and FA02-004 have both been tabled.

Announcements
Every body please help work elections. New Senator orientation will be next week. Dr. Rick Rigbsy will be here September 26th, please come and bring your friends. It will be at 7:00 in the Ballroom.

Do your office hours. You need three (3). Also you are required to work one hour at the poles this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

SGA election code changes planned

The SGA Internal Affairs Committee met twice last week and again this Tuesday to discuss possible revisions to be made to student election procedures.

During the almost two-hour meetings, Internal Affairs discussed several aspects of the elections which may need to be changed.

"We are looking into changing nomination procedures, as well as giving the Election Board more power in the weeks leading up to the elections," Greg Comeaux, speaker of the senate and Internal Affairs chairman, said. "The Election Board needs enough power to enforce the election regualtions."

While no immediate changes were made, SGA representatives are looking further into the possibility of change.

Comeaux said at Monday's senate meeting that the changes would be discussed in the next senate meeting.

Two motivational speakers scheduled tonight

The NSU Student Government Association welcomes motivational speaker Rick Rigsby tonight.

Rigsby will speak in the Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. His presentation is called "Making an Impact."

NSU Residential Life will host motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli tonight in A.A. Fredricks Fine Arts Auditorium.

Petrocelli will be speaking about "10 Second Decisions" at 6:30 p.m.

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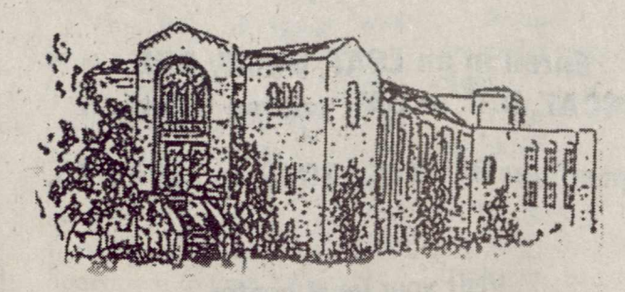

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Photos by Glenn Ward
(Above) Sophomore Lisa Davis gets shot in the face in the annual Tri-Sigma/Kappa Alpha watergun exchange. "I got soaked, but it was a blast," Davis said. "Definately something I will never forget."

(Right) Tri-Sigma pledges gang up on a Kappa Alpha member with buckets of water and water guns during a fervid water gunfight outside the Kappa Alpha house. No casualties were reported, and the Tri-Sigmas were eventually repelled.

West Nile spreads to Shreveport, Bossier City

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The Shreveport Times reported this week that the West Nile virus has spread to Red River Parish. The closest confirmed human case of the virus to Natchitoches was found recently in Shreveport.

Independent labs have found two other individuals who have tested positive for the virus. They have been deemed "presumptive positives" until official tests can be taken by the state health department.

Three other cases of West Nile have already been confirmed in neighboring Bossier City.

As of yet, no confirmed cases of the virus have been found in Natchitoches. However, with the promise of heavy rain in the weather forecast and the existence of confirmed cases nearby, it may be wise for local residents to take extra precautions in the days to come.

The Natchitoches Parish Health Unit is spraying the area regularly to keep the mosquito population in check, but state health officials still suggest wearing bug repellent while outdoors as a precaution.

The NSU infirmary reports that very few of their patients mention the disease and those that do only bring it up to say that they are certain they do not have it. This attitude may change, however, if the virus creeps into yet another parish closer to NSU.

Emerging Leaders workshops set to begin Oct. 22

By Anna Jones
Sauce Reporter

Emerging Leaders is an innovative new program with the objective to help students develop and enhance their leadership skills.

For anyone interested in becoming a future leader, whether it is in an NSU organization or in any other area, this is the program that can help you.

Emerging Leaders is an interactive, adventurous program designed to be beneficial and fun. The program is primarily geared toward freshmen and sophomores, but all students can gain something from Emerging Leaders.

At each session, students will be involved in several group activities. These activities are aimed at achieving the goal of helping students become effective leaders.

The group activities are lead by students that currently hold an office in a student organization here on campus.

The team leaders, Andy Jacobs and Dustin Mathews, train the leadership team members.

"Our goal through Emerging Leaders is to create a dynamic leadership program for freshman and sophomore students that offers a non-traditional method for gaining leadership skills by participation in a multitude of experiential activities," Luke Dowden, assistant director of student activities, said.

There will be three sessions of Emerging Leaders. The first session is on Oct. 22, the second is on Oct. 29, and the final meeting will be held Nov. 5. The meetings will be in the Student Union Ballroom from 6 until 8 p.m.

The students who do attend all three sessions will be honored with a certificate recognizing their accomplishments.

Telecom consultant to speak, answer questions

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The department of journalism, the college of liberal arts and the NSU Foundation have invited James R. Messenger to speak on Oct. 10 and 11.

Messenger is a communication technology consultant who has been a direct eyewitness for nearly 20 years to the changes in communications that has occurred following the break-up of Bell System in 1984.

Messenger will come to NSU to discuss the topic "The Information Age – True or Mere Hype?"

The lecture will discuss the technological and economic impacts of the dot-com age.

"This is a wonderful idea and it has lots of potential to increase participation with the guest speaker," Donald W. Hatley, dean of the liberal arts college, said.

Messenger will be holding an open lecture at 2 p.m. in the Ora Williams Auditorium on Oct. 10.

On Oct. 11, Messenger will speak to several of the public relations students and faculty.

"Mr. Messenger will create a bridge for print students to understand the role in public relations and real news," Steve Horton, head of the journalism department, said.

At noon, there will be a luncheon in the President's Room to continue the discussion and answer questions from the online site.

For more information and for submitting questions go to www.cptel.net/infoage.

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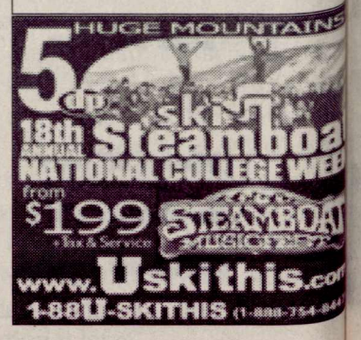

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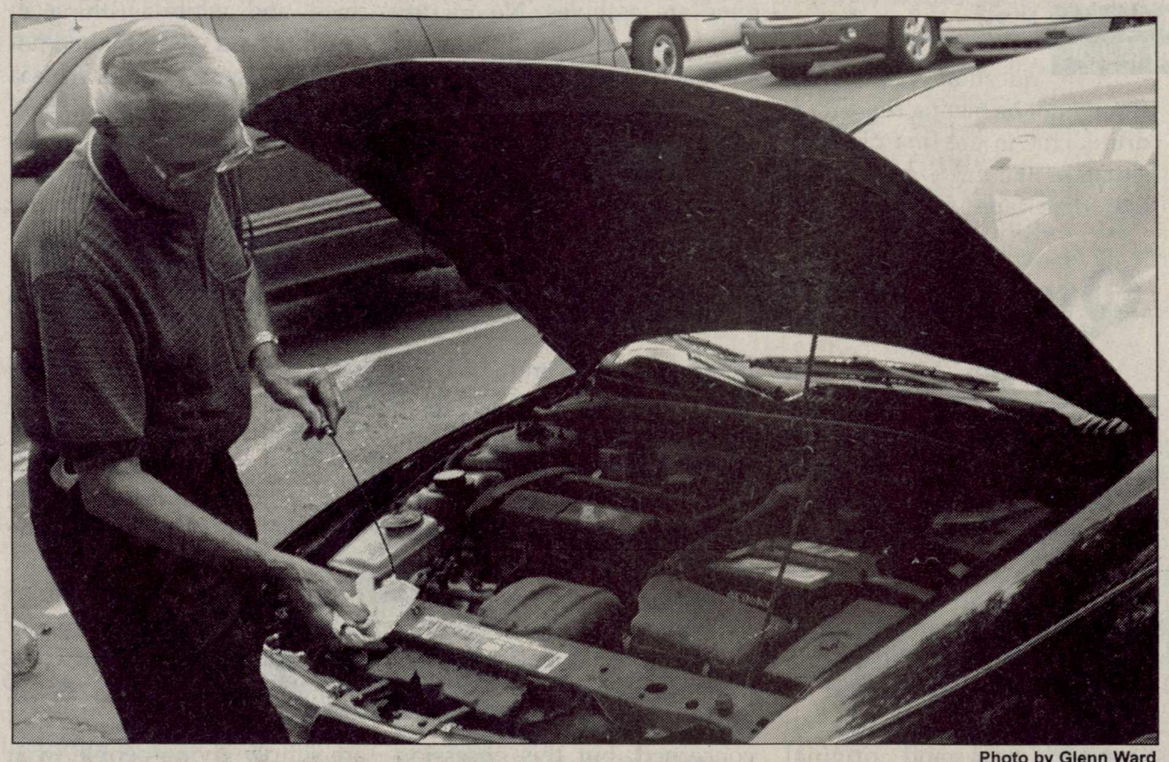
ELUDING ISIDORE

South Louisianaians travel north to escape tropical storm Isidore

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter



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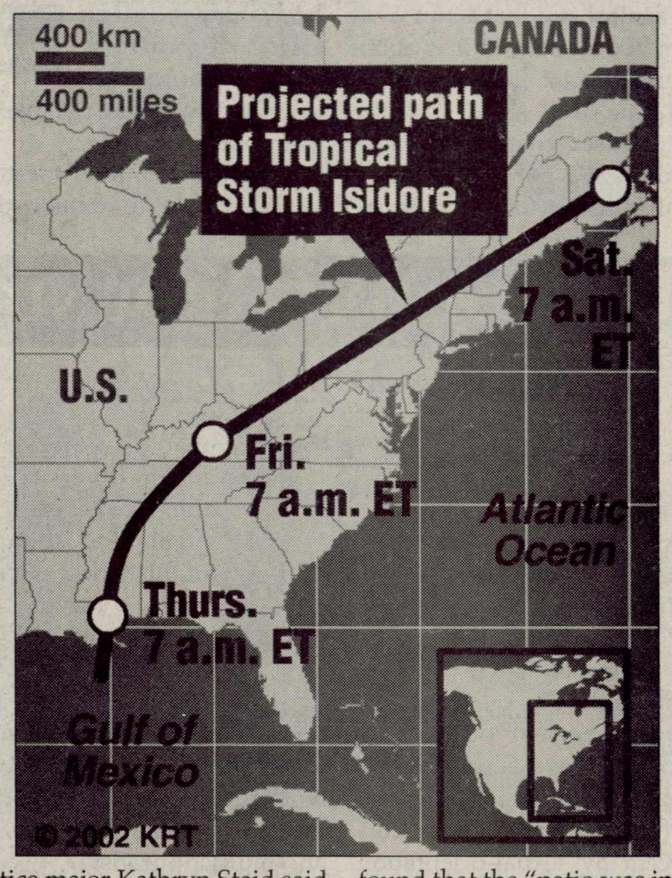
Metarie, La. native Paul Oliver checks his oil after a 273 mile trip to Natchitoches Wednesday afternoon to avoid tropical storm Isidore. Oliver checked into the Ramada Inn earlier last night, "and I will stay until I get an all clear."



As tropical storm Isidore slowly progresses towards the Gulf Coast, several students talked about what their families were doing to prepare for the storm.

"My sister at LSU is going to come up here and stay with me," sophomore theater major Chris Ware said.

Freshman biology major Rachel Odom said that her family is "boarding up windows and filling up the gas tanks." But at this time her family plans on waiting out the storm in Gonzales.

Sophomore health and human performance major Tameka Francis said that her family in Lafayette is "collecting the essential needs for hurricanes and staying home until told to evacuate."

Scholars' College junior Amanda Lindsey said that her family is not planning on leaving New Orleans at this time. However, if the storm becomes stronger, "they will bring my grand-maw, my mom, dad, 80-pound dog, and two cats all in my two-bedroom duplex."

Tropical storm Isidore is expected to cause moderate flooding in New Orleans and the surrounding areas. For Natchitoches, Isidore is only expected to produce rain through Thursday.

Even though Isidore is headed for New Orleans, many families are choosing to wait until the storm gets closer before deciding whether to stay or evacuate.

Scholars' College junior Katy Andres said that her family experienced hurricanes Betsy, Camille and Audrey.

"They really aren't concerned with Isidore," Slidell native Andres said. "If they bring Nash Roberts out, then I'll make my parents come here."

Nash Roberts ran his own forecasting firm and was a guest meteorologist for WWL-TV in New Orleans. Roberts has more than 50 years of experience in weather forecasting and has become the trusted source for hurricane activity in the greater New Orleans area.

Roberts used a whiteboard and marker to demonstrate the path of a hurricane instead of the latest computer screens or image technology. He has been in partial retirement but has come out to give his advice when severe weather threatens the city.

In 1998, the National Hurricane Center predicted that Hurricane Georges would strike New Orleans. Roberts disagreed and showed on his whiteboard that Georges would make landfall in the East near Biloxi, Miss. and Mobile, Ala.

Many people in New Orleans believed Roberts over the National Hurricane Center, and they did not evacuate the city, which received only one inch of rain. Hurricane Georges was a Category 2 hurricane when it struck Mobile and deposited 10 inches of rain.

At the time of publication, WWL-TV had not brought out Roberts and Isidore was not expected to be stronger than a tropical storm when it made landfall about 7 a.m. today. Consequently, many would-be evacuees cancelled their hotel reservations in northern Louisiana yesterday.

Front desk clerk at the Ramada Inn and senior criminal justice major Kathryn Staid said she had 60 cancellations.

"I think they are all from New Orleans, people from the storm. We were completely booked,"Staid said.

Staid also said that most people canceled because Isidore "wasn't as bad as they thought it would be." Ramada Inn now expects to fill about half of its 144 rooms.

Senior biology major Jami Callais knows how bad a hurricane can be. Her family evacuated Patterson, La., which is outside Morgan City, in 1992 because of Hurricane Andrew.

When Callais returned she found that the "patio was in our neighbor's kitchen." Wind damage from Andrew ripped shingles off the roof, requiring it to be replaced.

While Callais was out of school for a month after the hurricane, life was no picnic.

"Our family was without electricity for two weeks... and we drank water out of cans," Callais said.

This time Callais'family is going to wait out the less-severe Isidore in Patterson. "If it's going to be just a Category One [hurricane], my parents are going to stay home," Callais said.

Fraternity rush or something like it

Fraternities represent an estimated 13 percent of NSU's student population. Whether you love them, hate them, are a member of them, or could care less you cannot ignore their presence. We here at the *Current Sauce* wanted to find out what it takes to be a part of that presence. What is like it like for an average student who wants to join a fraternity. To find out we assigned one of our senior reporters, Andrew David, to go undercover to see what it is like when people stop being polite and start getting RUSHED!

■ **Name:** Andrew "Drew" Patrick David

■ **Where are you from?** Sulphur, La.

■ **Major:** Journalism with a concentration in print

■ **Classification:** sophomore

■ **What fraternity did you want to be in when you went through recruitment?** "Theta Chi or Pi Kappa Phi"

■ **Favorite movie:** "The Royal Tennenbaums"

■ **Where do you go to de stress?** "I play guitar or write, or just get loaded."

■ **What cd is in your cd player right now?** "Miles Davis: Kind of Blue"

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

"I would never be a part of any group or organization that would have me as a member."

These words, by Groucho Marx, correlated to my psyche as I entered into the first night of Rush week 2002.

I was pessimistic in my initial response to being assigned to this story. The idea sounded fantastic; send in a reporter, incognito, to give an honest first-person perspective of what Rush week is like. The requirement that I would participate in said idea was something considerably less than fantastic.

What began, as an obligation to my job however, unexpectedly metamorphosed into a desire to actually follow through with joining a fraternity.

The fire of space was beginning to dim in the waning moments of the Natchitoches evening and the moon began to show to its first glimmer through the darkening skyline as I shuffled my feet from Kyser to my Behan Street apartment to take a shower.

Between the combination of nerves and my deteriorating health condition, I started to perspire heavily. "So much for the shower," I thought.

I slipped into a bathroom to splash some water on my face and attempt a brief re-cleansing.

I took a deep breath and prepared to interact with people I generally tend to avoid. The thought to ditch the whole gig hadn't escaped my mind. Neither had my obligation to the paper.

Exiting the bathroom I stopped by the greek life office and filled out my information sheet. I was informed that I was to have taken care of this earlier. Damn my generation and this godforsaken low attention span.

Leaving the Greek Life office, I was directed to the second floor of the Student Union where over 300 other young pledge hopefuls had convened.

My first impression was the surprise in age. I had expected to see fresh-faced freshmen brimming with the optimism and confidence that only a positive high school experience could provide.

Instead I found myself in the midst of guys my age and older.

There was the cluster of freshmen one would expect to find whenever a prominent social group has its initial meetings. I say expect because freshmen are new to college and generally do not know very many people unless they have journeyed with friends from high school and the promise of an instant identity and community is understandably appealing to such a person. Hell, it's probably appealing to any person.

But what could an older student want in a fraternity? If you have been here for two or three years and you're moderately attractive, don't have any violent twitches, a history of setting things on fire, or an overwhelming urge to violently molest inanimate objects, finding a comfortable social setting in which to enjoy your tenure should be relatively easy.

Judging by the high turnout though, it is apparently not as easy as I had imagined.

There was something that was not being offered by the clubs, teams, and organizations, or random social communes on campus.

Something that Abercrombie and Fitch outfits, minimall bleach tips, fresh summer tans and piercings wherever it's cool to get one were not obtaining for these guys.

Observing the room, I saw that as far as appearance went I was relatively synchronized to the attire of my counterparts. Most of us were adorned in the varying combinations of running shoes, sandals, short hair, brand name t-shirts and cargo shorts or pants.

But the look in my eyes was not the same as theirs. Theirs is a look of a burgeoning conqueror.

They exchange in verbal transactions of athletics, fishing, hunting and car jargon. Those that do not talk hold their tongue inside a head that races with thoughts I do not presume to know.

We file into the President's Room and are assigned our nametags and team numbers. I am sent to group seven.

I ponder if this means luck is on my side. We take our seats and await a welcome by greek life adviser Luke Dowden. I begin to feel as if I'm at a self-improvement seminar.

I whisper to the guy next to me and ask him why he's here. I'm expecting an answer like, "To meet chicks," or "Looking for a good party."

What I get instead is a voice of a diminutive tone that would make any southern mother proud, replying with, "To meet people." I am taken aback by the innocence and sincerity in his voice.

This expression of innocence reoccurs throughout Dowden's welcoming speech when he asks for a show of hands as to whom is here to meet people.

I would estimate that between 60 and 70 percent of the arms elevated over their heads. I was shocked to say the least.

I do not presume that those who know me hold me in high regard, and I do not consider myself a socialite. But even I, in all my visible flaws of appearance and personality have been able to form friendships with a number of people who are generally regarded as worthwhile individuals in most circles.

But as Dowden, along with two fraternity members, one a Sigma Nu and the other a Pi Kappa Phi delivered their diatribe of brotherhood, honor and community. I felt the winds of conformity begin to sway my position.

As their orations found their way through my interpretative senses and reconvened within my understanding I contemplated what it would be like to no longer find myself outside of the fish bowl or below the glass ceiling.

Cynicism and detachment make for great underground novels but they are a pain in the ass to conduct your everyday life with without some consistently available narcotic.

It was as if the rehearsed speeches of the two transformed from inarticulate, carbon copy sales pitches into a hypnotic mantra of belonging. It suffices to say that I had become more convinced of my desire to join than I was at the beginning of the evening.

I began to visualize myself living the life of a "frat boy," the stereotypical one at least.

Needless to say, my laissez-faire attitude of social participation had been rotated 180 degrees. The hook had been set and I bit down harder than a catfish in July as we were led away for our tour of the first three fraternities: Theta Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Sigma Nu.

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WORDS OF WISDOM: TIP #6-Q&A about The Sex

Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

A large part of the college scene is sex. Some of the more conservative students on this campus may disagree, but they are unattractive. Therefore, they are against fun because, as everyone knows, unattractive people loathe fun.

The following column is not against sex; that is not what I am about. Instead it is about smart sex, not to be confused with safe sex.

Safe sex covers wearing a condom and not having sex in dimly lit alleys for fear of harming your eyesight.

Smart sex, on the other hand, is more street savvy. Smart sex deals with situations like having sex without being noticed by your roommate, or explaining to your new lover that the funny bumps on your genitalia are not part of your polish heritage.

Here are a few questions and answers to demonstrate how smart sex works in various real-life scenarios.

Q: You are having sex with a drunk chic you met at a bar and she passes out. Do you finish up or roll over and go to sleep?

A: This is a trick question because you should not be having sex with a drunk chic in the first place. A situation like this is how terms like 'date rape' and 'jail time' come in to your vocabulary.

Q: Ladies, you are at a party with a guy you barely know. He brings you a drink and says, with a sly grin, "Drink up." Do you drink it or not?

A: No, you do not drink it. Get cozy with this idea: girls, guys are assholes. No matter how nice you may think they are, the first and only idea they have is getting in your pants. Sorry.

Q: Guys, hanging out with your girlfriend and one of her friends you attempt to start up a threesome. Good idea or bad idea.

A: *Option 1:* The two girls find your idea overly erotic and exciting, and the next morning you compose your letter to the Penthouse forum. *Option 2:* You get stomped in the nuts by two chics, and while writhing in absolute pain wish you had not listened to your buddies. This is a toss up.

Well maybe those examples gave some idea of how smart sex works within all of our sexual lives. It is not an exact science, but rather based on the concept of avoiding stupid choices.

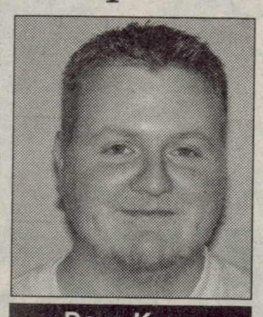
Oh, and the best position for sex without being detected is the spoon, and the optimal thing to say when confronted with bumpy sex organs is, "I was involved in a bad grease fire."

Be safe, wear condoms and stay out of the fourth stall on the second floor of Kyser Hall. Happy humping!

Next week, Part C: Drugs.

UNCOMMON GROUND

Silence equals death



Dave Knox
Sauce Columnist

In 2000, a total of 11,960 law enforcement agencies in 48 states and the District of Columbia reported 8,063 bias-motivated criminal incidents to the FBI.

53.8 percent of these crimes were motivated by racial bias, 18.3 percent by religious bias, 16.1 percent by sexual-orientation bias, 11.3 percent by ethnicity/natural origin bias and 0.5 percent by disability and multiple biases, that is, a hate crime incident in which two or more offenses were committed as a result of two or more bias motivations.

A reader asked me recently why we chose the topics we did and if we thought the readers of the *Current Sauce* were really interested in our topics. First, let me restate the purpose of "Uncommon Ground" for those who missed it.

Our purpose is to bring to light topics that don't always make the front page, at least not always in a positive way. We also hope to show in the process that our differences form not an uncommon ground, but rather a common ground on which intolerance, prejudice and hatred have no foot to stand.

The common ground, of course, is our humanity. It is the fact that despite all and any of our differences, we are human beings. Our differences are what make life interesting. How boring a world we would live in if we were all the same

For those who believe in a higher creator, what an uncreative and boring creation we would be if we didn't all reflect the image of our creator, not only in our alikeness but also in our differences!

The truth is that it is selfish to think that you are the only correct image of this higher power, and a creator who favored so much diversity in the number of plants and animals in this world would surely favor a diverse group of human beings.

Now, with all this said, don't you think that it would be beneficial for the human race to promote its diversity and multiculturalism?

Still not convinced?

Well, maybe you never will be. However, the fact is that we are all human whether you like it or not, and all humans deserve equal rights. If one human is allowed to live peaceably, then so should any other human.

If one human is allowed to marry another human, shouldn't this be true across the board? Shouldn't we celebrate the union of two individuals who love each other? In the end, are you the one who judges us all? Or, did you get direct communication from a higher power to pass judgment on another human or group of humans?

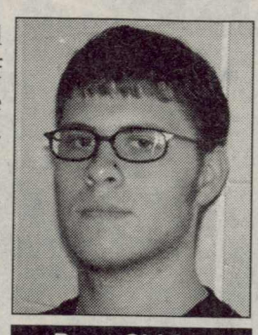
Now, for those who think they've escaped the "wrath" of this editorial, is not saying anything any better than committing the crime yourself? Do you sleep better at night knowing that you are a "tolerant" individual who never stops a coworker from making a racial slur or joke or a sibling who calls someone a "fag"?

After all, didn't Hitler discover that one way to degrade human status was through name-calling and propaganda? Being tolerant is not being silent. In the end, silence equals death!

If you have any comments, questions or topic ideas, feel free to e-mail at NSUinqueery@hotmail.com.

Next week...The Truth about the 'Flower-eating, Hippie Knap-heads'.

Quality of music has left the building



Drew Shirley
Sauce Columnist

When Don McLean first sang "American Pie", nobody could foresee the almost prophetic element of the lyrics "The day the music died".

Right now, music is on death's door.

The rapidly declining quality of music can be chalked up to two factors. First, there seems to be a lack of effort on the part of consumers to demand new and original artists. Second, oversimplification of demographics by the record companies has resulted in a lack of musical diversity.

When you walk into any music outlet, it's quite clear there is more music being produced than ever before. Upon closer examination, it also becomes evident that one album is nearly identical to the album displayed next to it.

The record companies have turned what was once regarded as an art into a product that is recycled and sold at an over inflated price. There was a time when being a singer or musician was considered a honorable craft, and the practitioners of these arts were admired and respected for their talents. Now the bottom line is nothing more than money.

Money has always been the bottom line, as far as the music industry is concerned, but this obsession with financial gain has now reached levels of such absurdity that one can't help but laugh at the situation.

Every element of the current mainstream music scene is carefully calculated to appeal to the coveted teenage demographic, and as such, every other age group or social circle has been alienated. The way the industry thinks, it would appear that there is one target audience for all music, and that there are few choices for those who exist outside the targeted demographics.

To be fair, the product must appeal to somebody, as it does sell. The target audience cares enough to buy Britney Spears albums, or the latest single from the flavor of the month boy band. Some may use this as an argument to say that the record companies are doing nothing wrong, and are simply giving people what they want to hear.

There should be more diversification in the music industry. Originality should be celebrated, and people should have many types of music available for their listening pleasure.

Of course, hoping for this is little more than a naive fantasy, as doing so would result in lower profit margins. This is simply an event that will never comes to pass, as major corporations have little interest in the idea of art over money.

Ironically, it is this belief structure that has led to the creation of the record industry's greatest threat to it's financial dominance.

The immense popularity of online file swapping has given the general public what they want- any genre of music from any era is available at their fingertips for immediate download. There are no surveys involved, no advertisement, and no subliminal messages from music executives.

This has led, so the record companies claim, to markedly decreased sales. Whether or not this is true, it should act as an alarm that they should rethink both their distribution methods and the selection of music being produced.

However, these practices look to remain the same for the immediate future. As long as the product is profitable, the companies will continue with what they see as successful methods.

Until things change, new and original acts will cease to be able to support themselves, and "The day the music died" won't seem that far away at all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Why do you hate us?'

It has come to my attention that in the September 19th edition of *The Current Sauce*, a rather unprecedented attack was "launched" at a rather innocent group of people. Like a small four-year-old throwing stones at a hornet's nest, the only effect of Dustin Floyd's juvenile behavior has been to turn a rather benevolent force malevolent. Personally, I have a collection of almost nothing but "shirts with buttons" and I too "believe in Jesus." While I do not judge myself by what I wear or what I believe, I think it repugnant that there are those that do judge others just because they are different.

Curious that Scholars' personal hygiene has come under attack when a certain boy running for SGA Senator is self-proclaimed "D-Dog Dirty." I wonder why this "wheelin, dealin, kiss stealin bad son of a gun" feels so threatened by a group of intellectuals that rebel against his norms and his rules. Heaven forbid a group of people actually speak out against someone, because everyone knows that we all should believe whatever is forced down our throats. Everyone knows that politics should be the socially elite oppressing everyone else.

The real question that I have is "Why do you hate us?" Is this disturbing article the sole creation of a childish sense of vengeance? Yes, a Scholar won the election last semester, but that does not mean that we are the spawn of Satan or that we eat babies. Have we wronged you in some past life Dustin Floyd? From where does this insufferable hatred stem? Is it for a desire to do good, or a desire for power that you ran for office? I would think that a force of goodness would not attempt to resist the voice of the students. Rather, I would think that a person who has the best wishes of the student body would help the president elected over them, not throw daggers in the night.

On a final note, while I might not comb my hair I would hope that does not make me a "nap-head." That little bit of "hate mongering" against those of us with longer than average hair is not appreciated. In regard to this so called anti-Floyd propaganda that is strewn about the campus, if it did exist I would proudly place my name among the ranks; as would many others as it seems that a significant portion of the student body last semester did not want you in office. The only "hateful propaganda" that exists on campus now is the original letter to the editor that sparked such a response from the populace of our fair town. Oh, and Dustin, I am sorry that you feel the need to be like everyone else. "You laugh at us because we are different. We laugh at you, because you are all the same."

Most respectfully yours,
Chris "Heebie" Hebert

'What is a nap-head?'

I neither care or think that this letter will be printed. I have some simple questions concerning a letter that you folks printed in your September 19th, 2002 issue on the editorals page.

The first one is how can you give Dustin G. Floyd a printed forum to slander, he seems to stoop to the level of the "hippy scholars". Honestly, I would not know Mr. Floyd if I passed him on the street or sat next to him in class but I do question his ideals and his motivations. Am I to take from his letter, that a student senator at MY university is intolerant of long hair on males, personal hygiene, and most alarming flower-eating which is a healthy alternative to meat.

Who is Mr. Floyd to decide what is normal and is normal a button down shirt? What is a nap-head? Is that a racially motivated comment or more disgusting one of culture. Culture is deeper than skin and closely related to the spirit. Is Mr. Floyd degrading a group of people by their outward appearance, I was under the impression we had evolved beyond that point. How can an elected official governing over a body of suppose free spirits and intellectuals have so much anger toward a mass of folks when a few are putting up signage. "Intellectual people celebrate the difference in people, simple men think all men look alike."

I guess my last question, if there was any real answerable questions in this, would be how can you, the current sauce, give such a one side representation to this. Do you not like hippy flower-eaters?

Put that in Mr. Floyd's pipe and ... well,
I guess I will have to smoke it for him,

R.L. Johnson

Corrections for Floyd's letter

Mr. Floyd,

I am writing in response to your article in the last issue of the Current Sauce "Why do they hate me?". I first wanted to tell you that being a clean and Catholic Scholar, I must have been left out of the official Scholars' College propaganda war; in fact, I never even knew you were so persecuted by your fellow students and comrades. I also wanted to let you know that "hippy" is actually spelled "hippie" and "nap-head" should be spelled "knap-head". Furthermore, I cannot help but notice a slight hypocrisy in your article: people might call you a "conservative hate-monger" but what are you accomplishing by publishing more slanderous hate in the paper?

Respectfully yours,
Ciel Dafford
A Scholar who wears buttons.

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NSU student lands dream job

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

Student Support Services of Northwestern State University is proud to recognize an outstanding student for her accomplishments and her future contributions to her community.

Senior English major Dionne Atlley has recently been accepted to an AmeriCorps position in Dallas. Her duties will include teaching the English language to Hispanic children and participating in an outside project to help the community. Atley will participate in is a free literacy program to help children learn basic skills such as reading and writing.

AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America is a program through which members serve in private organizations and public non-profit agencies, addressing issues related to poverty, such as public health, education, the environment, public safety and employment. This program accepts individuals with all types of skills and capabilities.

Atley joined Student Support Services during the fall of 2001. She is a transfer student from Alcorn State University and transferred to NSU during her last college years.

"I was really nervous about coming here because the environment is so different, and I didn't really know anyone," Atley said. "Joining Student Support Services is the best thing that happened to me since I've been at NSU."

Atley learned about AmeriCorp through Student Support Services. She sent in an essay on cultural diversity, a letter of interest, a transcript and a recommendation from a professor. Atley received a response from AmeriCorp and was asked to compose an essay on racial diversity in the classroom. The work Atley completed earned her a teaching position with AmeriCorp after she completes her bachelor's degree here at NSU. Atley's contract with AmeriCorp includes a four- year teaching position, free housing and healthcare.

In addition to being a part of AmeriCorp, Atley also received an Associates degree with a concentration in social science.

"I'd earned previous credits, and the counselors at Student Support Services showed me how I could earn an Associates degree," Atley said.

Advisor Steven Gruesbeck is very impressed with Atley and her accomplishments.

"We're very proud of Dionne," Gruesbeck said. "She has great tenacity and she is a very hard worker."

Atley has a 21-month-old daughter for whom she attributes much of her motivation.

"After I had my daughter, I realized that I needed to strive for the best so that I could give her a good foundation," Atley said. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I got out of school, but after I had my daughter, I just wanted to teach kids. Everything she does amazes me."

Atley is excited about her position with AmeriCorp. She is thankful to Student Support Services for the help and motivation they provide in all aspects of her life.

"Everyone should come to Student Support Services because the counselors are helpful and attentive with career, mentoring and emotional issues," Atley said.

Atley believes that anything is possible to achieve if people strive for what they want.

" I want others to know that through hard work and perseverance, you can do anything you want," Atley said.

Student Support Services is a federally funded program housed in the University College. Gruesbeck and other advisors urge students to become involved with the program.

"We work with all types of students and our goal is to help students find majors and achieve their goals," Gruesbeck said.

Photo by Glenn Ward
21-month-old Kyleigh goes to daycare until her mother, Dionne Atley, gets out of class. By that time, Kyleigh is so energetic, it does not matter that her mother is on the phone, Kyleigh just wants to play. "She is the best thing that ever happened to me," Dionne said.

NSU assistant english professor acknowledged for her poetry

By Garrett Guillotte
Sauce Reporter

When NSU assistant English professor Julie Kane writes that "Some days I'm afraid that the language I write in/Has slipped out of fashion like flat leather shoes," you wonder how afraid she is now.

Kane has been selected by a Pulitzer prize-winning poet to have that poem, "Old Maid," and the rest of her latest poetry manuscript, *Rhythm & Booze* published as part of one of the nation's most prestigious publication contests.

Maxine Kumin, who was awarded the Pulitzer for her 1972 poetry book *Up Country: Poems of New England*, selected Kane's work as one of five winners of The National Poetry Series' prize of $1,000 and publication by the University of Illinois press.

Kane said the series was not the first contest for her manuscript.

"The manuscript had an agent, which is unusual for a book of poetry," Kane said, "and there's a few other major contests that involve publication that I didn't win, so, tastes vary."

Recently back to NSU after teaching in Lithuania through a Fulbright Scholarship, Kane said she received word of her selection as one of 50 finalists — out of more than 1,300 entries — in June, overseas.

Kane said she had to scramble to provide the series with five more copies of her manuscript, despite being thousands of miles away and working from incompatible European computer printers.

A stateside friend was able to print and send off the copies, Kane said, in time for *Rhythm & Booze* to be judged.

Rhythm & Booze itself is a straightforward selection of 40 poems in four parts - New Orleans, Baton Rouge, St. Gabriel and Natchitoches - with a focus that flirts across alcohol, blues musician James Booker and the late, enigmatic New Orleans poet Everette Maddox, who Kane said died a homeless alcoholic in New Orleans in 1989.

"It's influenced by the flavors in Louisiana music, in rhythm and blues music," Kane said. "A couple of the poems are about James Booker, the late piano player and blues musician... and it's something of an elegy for Everette."

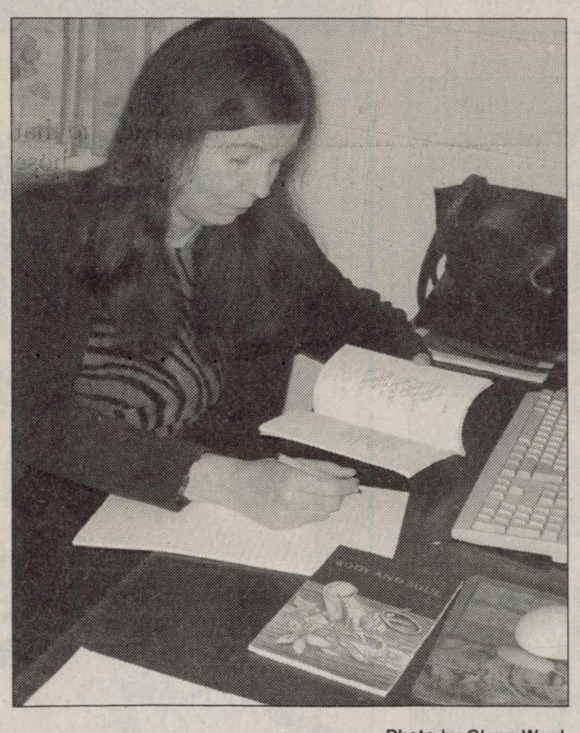


Photo by Glenn Ward
Julie Kane reviews some poetry between classes Monday afternoon. *Body and Soul* is one of Kane's published collections.

But at the heart of it all is a story of growth and maturity, a progression from childhood to reckless youth, to adulthood and reflection. Kane's style is visual, accessible and musical, her subjects almost always tangible and relatable.

"It starts out with poems about growing up... in a family that's been hit hard by alcohol in the past and being attracted to that world of nightlife and drinking and everything that Everette did," Kane said.

Kane is no stranger to publication. She co-authored *Counterpart: A South Vietnamese Naval Officer's War* in 1995 with Kiem Do, and her poetry has appeared in nearly 30 different journals.

Now however, Kumin's selection *Rhythm & Booze* places Kane's work in the national spotlight, providing her work with crucial critical and public recognition.

"If you're a poet, publication is priceless because it's so difficult to get published," Kane said.

Kane said major publishers receive several thousand poetry manuscripts every year and typically print only six to eight.

"You're really better off buying lottery tickets than trying to get a book of poetry published," Kane said. "It's very, very difficult."

She said the publication of her work eclipses even the $1,000 prize that goes with the award.

Kane said she is also working to publish a selection of translated poems by *Les Miserables* author Victor Hugo and is an associate editor of 20th century poetry for the forthcoming 2003 Longman Anthology of Southern Literature, *Voices from the American South.*

The Princeton, New Jersey-based National Poetry Series was started in 1978 by poet and publisher Daniel Halpern through support from the late novelist James Michener and Edward J. Piszek, one of the founders of Polish heritage organization The Copernicus Society of America.

The National Endowment of the Arts, the Lannan Foundation and the Tiny Tiger Foundation also support the series.

The series' goal is to publish poetry in a commercial market that rarely sees poetry as profitable.

More than 80 books have been published through the series by volunteering publishers. Among those books are works by national Poet Laureate Billy Collins' Questions About Angels and award-winning poet Mark Doty's *My Alexandria.*

Information on the National Poetry Series, including lists of other winners from this year and from past years, is available at http://www.nationalpoetryseries.org

Doubling the pizazz; co-captains lead pompom line

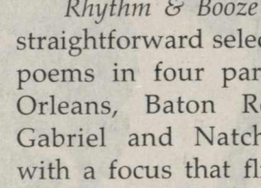
By Missa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter

Kendra Campbell and Reagan Rivers are co-captains for this year's Purple Pizazz pompom line. The two girls were among the five who auditioned for the two positions.

"This is the first year for co-captains. We had to go through a process. There were two judges and Abe Anthony. We answered questions, were taught a dance that we performed for the judges and made up a dance that we performed for them and the entire squad" Rivers said.

Campbell said the squad members also placed votes on co-captains.

"There's absolutely nothing we don't do," Campbell said of the co-captains responsibilities. Specific responsibilities include choreography, handling squad discipline, directing the squad, looking after its members and problem solving.



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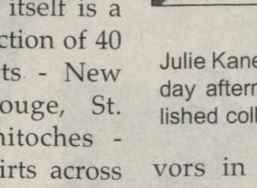


Rivers

"Most of the girls have been on dance teams or were cheerleaders in high school," Rivers said.

The team is made up of 27 girls with varying backgrounds, but both Campbell and Rivers have danced since they were very young. Campbell since she was about 18 months old, Rivers since she was about three.

"I just love to do it," Rivers said of why she dances "It's a passion."

Rivers is on the pompon line for her second year.

"It's been a big part of my life for so long, it's my heart." Campell said, on the line for her fourth year.

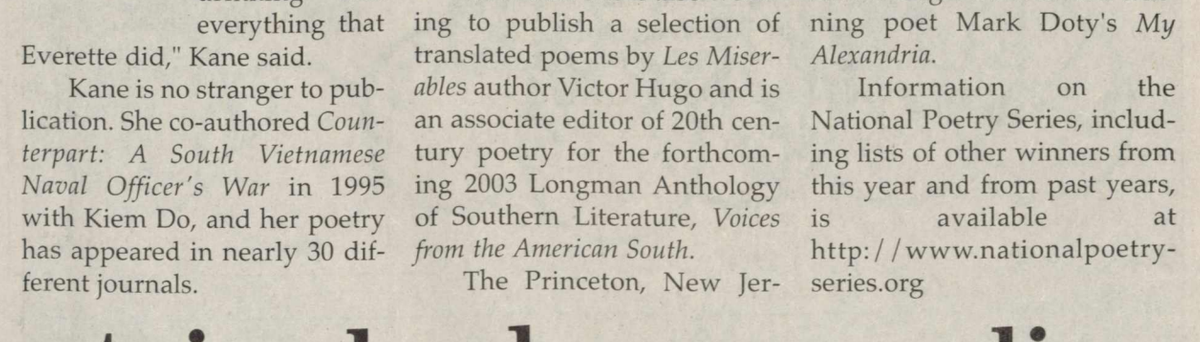
The girls of the Purple Pizazz rehearse for two hours a day every weekday in order to learn the dances that they perform at pep rallies and home football and basketball games.

Both girls seem pleased with their season so far.

"It's been great, I'm loving it. It's stressful though" Campbell said.

The squad and being a part of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority leave her no time for anything else extracurricular.

"I feel like this year has gone well so far, and I'm looking forward to the next semester and the next semester. It's been a great experience for me so far" Rivers said, who is also a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.



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NSU Purple Pizazz pompom line performs at an NSU football game.

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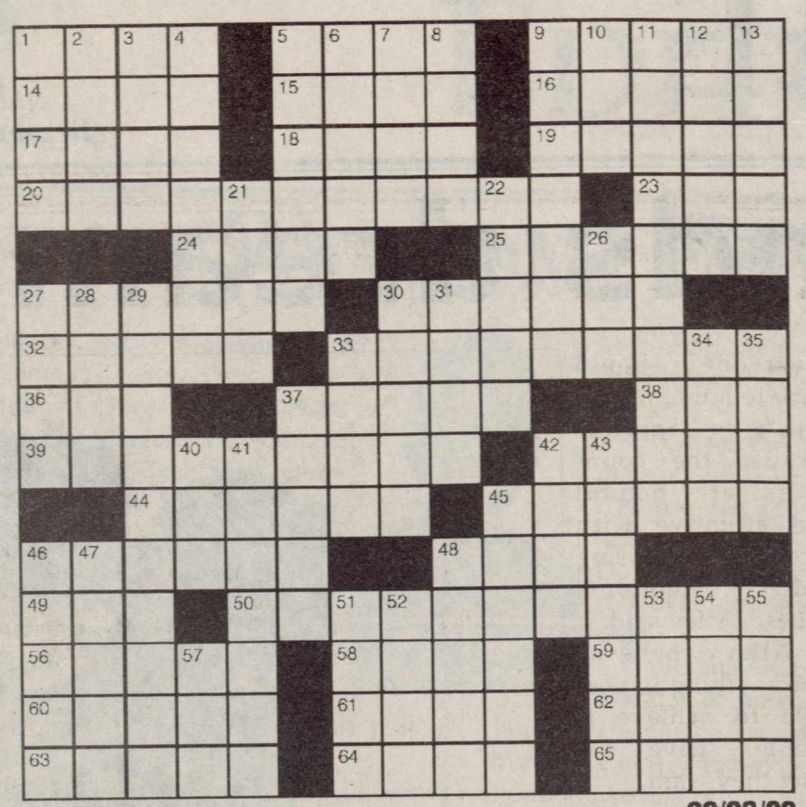

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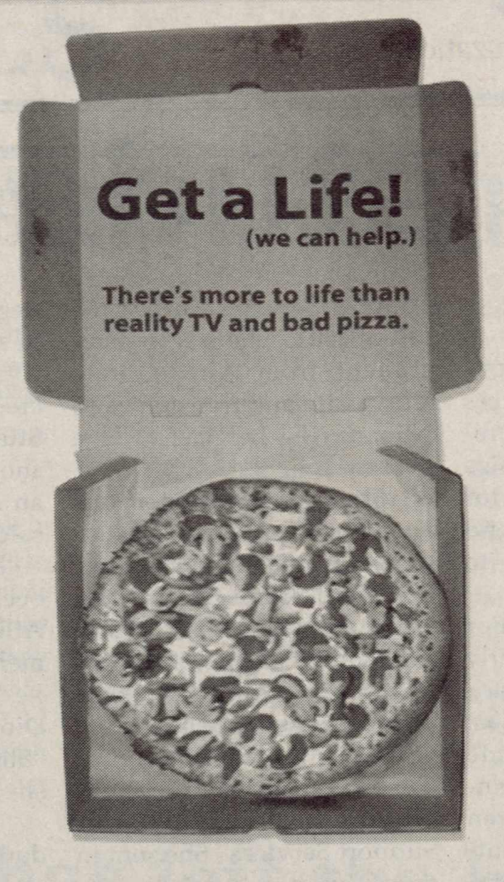

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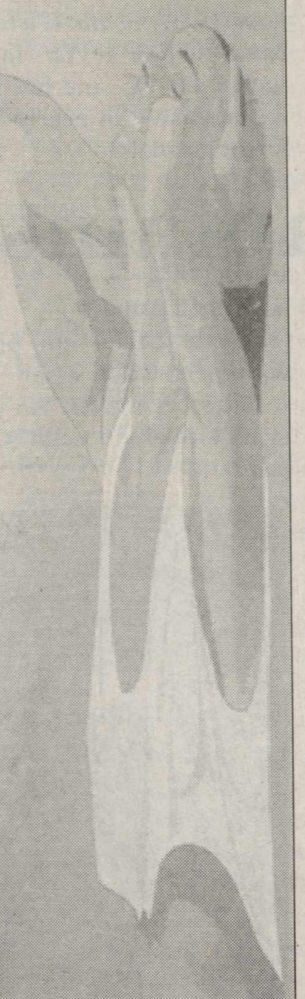

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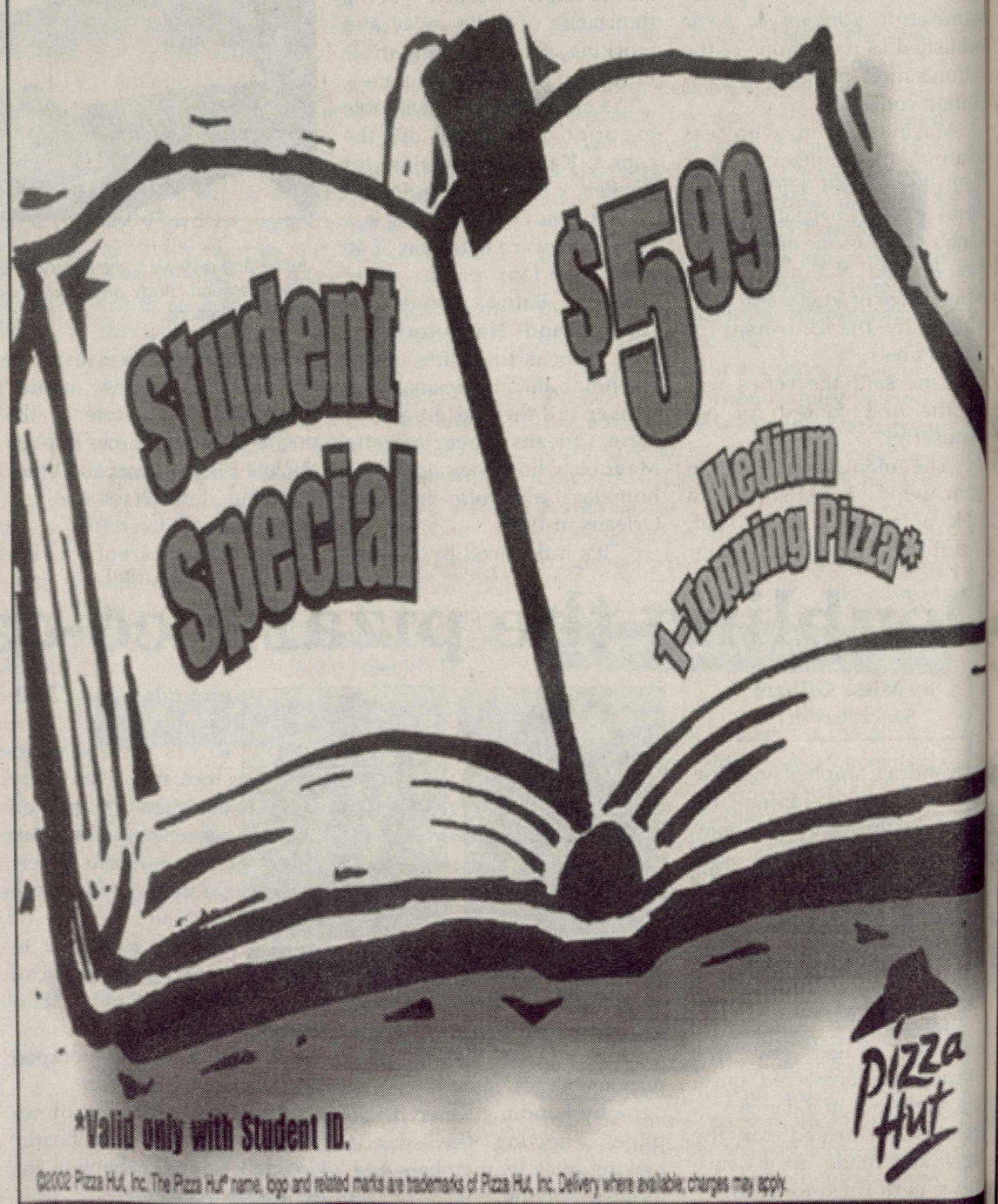

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Lady Demons disgrace Arkansas teams, hit the road against ULM

Sauce Staff

The Lady Demon soccer team knocked a few more teeth out of Arkansas residents with back-to-back wins against Arkansas State and Arkansas-Little Rock.

In the first game NSU (3-3-1) beat Arkansas State (2-5) 1-0 in a defensive struggle.

Arkansas State had plenty of scoring opportunities in the first half only to see each one get thwarted away by goalkeeper Nellie Laitolais.

"Fortunately our goalie kept us in the game with some key saves to keep the score 0-0 at the half," head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "Then in the second half we were able to match their intensity and keep our composure to pull out an important win."

The only goal of the game came in the second half as Rachel Folk gave a nice assist to a wide-open Brittany Hung, who then kicked the ball under the outstretched hands of the goalie.

"Rachel and I came down on a two on two situation and she gave me an awesome pass," Hung said. "She did all of the work. My part was easy."

In the second game NSU (4-3-1) defeated Arkansas Little Rock (4-4) 4-3, with NSU scoring the first four goals and Arkansas-Little Rock the last three.

The first two goals for NSU came in the first half with Hung scoring the first, after a pass from Katie Crona, and Folk getting the second.

NSU then scored two quick goals in the second half as Heather Penico kicked the ball past a diving goaltender and Folk scored her second goal of the game.

However, Arkansas-Little Rock got back into the game with three goals in five minutes. After the onslaught, NSU was able to play good defense and come out with the victory.

"Give them credit to play hard the entire game," Mitchell said. "We lost our composure for just a few minutes and hopefully we will learn from it."

The win gives NSU a three game winning streak entering conference play with a record of 4-3-1.

NSU plays their next three games on the road beginning at Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

IM/Rec Sports Schedule

- **Doubles Tennis Tournament Tuesday at the NSU Tennis Complex at 7 p.m.**
- **8-Ball Pool Tournament Thursday in the Student Union Alley at 6 p.m.**
- **Volleyball team captain's meeting Monday, Oct. 7, in the Student Union Cane River Room**

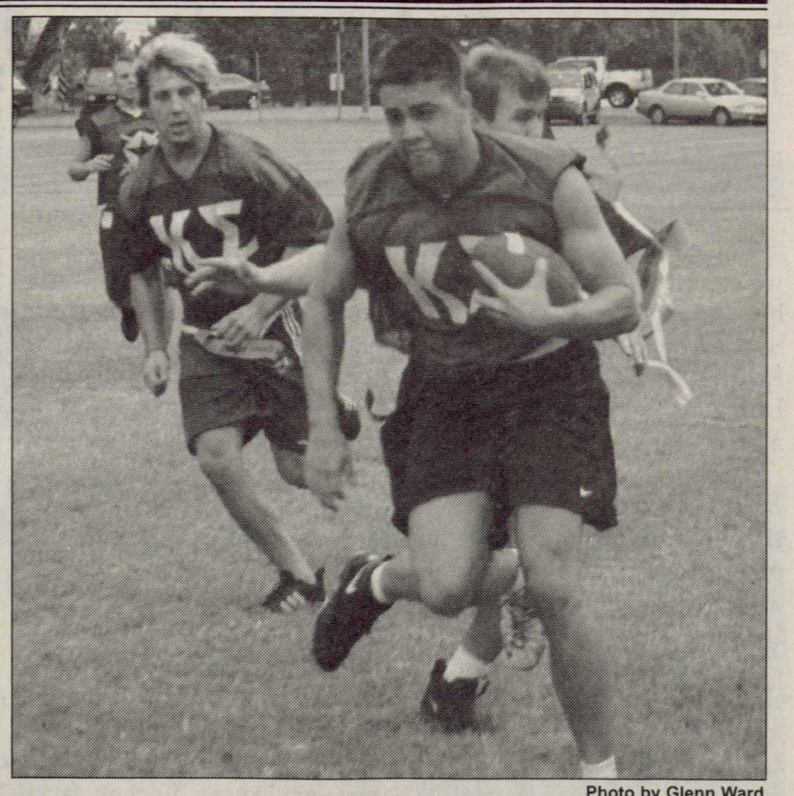

Photo by Glenn Ward
Jason Dasilva runs for 20 yards during second half of the Kappa Sigma/ Pi Kappa Phi IM flag football game Tuesday afternoon.

Northwestern's Cross Country team begins season with impressive debut

Courtesy of Sports Information

Setting the pace, seniors Noah Murgor and Jonah Chelimo lived up to expectations while some young Lady Demons, including Linzie Ledford, NSU's top female finisher at last year's SLC Championships, ran impressively in the 2002 cross country season debut for Northwestern State at the Ragin' Cajun Invitational at Acadiana Park in Lafayette on Saturday.

The men ran 8,000 meters and the women ran 5,000. For the NSU teams, it was a start to a season that culminates with the Southland Conference Championships being contested in Natchitoches.

NSU, which runs Saturday at LSU and hosts the NSU Invitational on Monday afternoon, Oct. 7, picked up its first competition of the fall at the Ragin' Cajuns Cross Country Invitational at Lafayette. Murgor ran second and Chelimo third on the 8,000 meter men's course, with the seniors separated by only five seconds led by Murgor's 27:53 time. Feedly Bonneau of Grambling won in 27:29.

Tulane took the men's team title with 81 points, followed by Lamar (83), Southeastern (112), ULL (128), NSU (143), Southern (147), Grambling (169) and Xavier (242).

The third scorer for the Demons was Chris Groome, 39th overall in 32:10. Carlos Malbrew was the No. 4 Demon scorer with a 33:19 time for 44th place, while Roy Ramirez ran 49th in 34:07 to complete the scorecard.

The Lady Demons finished fourth in the team standings with 98 points. New Orleans won at 49, nipping Tulane (52). Nicholls was third at 73 followed by Northwestern, ULL (102), Lamar (128), Grambling (175), Xavier (214) and Southern (229).

Newcomer Abby Salomon gave Northwestern a top 10 finish, taking eighth over the 5,000 meter course with a 20:17 clocking. Running second for NSU's women was sophomore Linzie Ledford (15th overall, 21:07), followed closely in 18th position by teammates Christina Segi (21:16) and Margeaux Fisher (21:23). Completing NSU's scorecard was Peggy Hill (27th, 21:51) with teammate Jill Schenk just fractions behind, also with a 27:51 time.

Christy Stark ran 45th overall in 23:06 while Marci Ward was 56th for NSU in 24:24 and Amanda Webster was 62nd in 25:50.

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Northwestern Demon's streak ended by No. 7 Georgia Bulldogs

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

"Georgia was about what we expected," Demon quarterback Kevin Magee said of last Saturday's loss to the University of Georgia. "Overall they have great team speed and are a great team."

The Georgia Bulldogs may have been tougher than some thought. The Demons lost the game 45-7, but there was more to the outcome of this game than a final score.

In the face of a tough opponent the Demons did not quit. They controlled the ball for 36 of the 60 minutes of the game while gaining a total of 266 yards. Quarterback Kevin Magee threw for 150 of those yards and helped the passing game break the 200-yard mark.

In the third quarter Magee connected with wide receiver Cory Bell for a 34-yard pass that helped set up his 11-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Harrison.

Along with his touchdown, Harrison led the team in receiving yards with 81 yards during the game. Shelton Sampson led the running game with 36 of the team's 55 yards gained by rushing.

The defense stacked up with Jerry Goldsmith leading the way. Goldsmith finished the game with 11 solo tackles, one fumble recovery and the Demon's only interception.

"Jerry is a competitor," head coach Scott Stoker said of the senior cornerback. "He's the kind who will step up against a higher level of competition."

Lamarcus Franklin, Wade Leone, and Neil Ponstein made other needed defensive plays during the game. Franklin had a fumble recovery late in the fourth quarter and Leone and Ponstein had individual sacks totaling 14 lost yards for the Bulldogs.

However, missing players may have hurt the team. Safety Eric Louis and cornerback Terrence McGee did not play because of early season injuries and are questionable for the next two weeks. Wide receiver Devon Lockett also missed the game due to an injury sustained last week that will have him out of commission for six weeks.

"Overall, the team played hard like we asked them to," Stoker said. "But we got overwhelmed early gave them too much."

This seemed true as Georgia's game statistics racked up. The Bulldog offense gained 536 yard off of the Demon defense and scored six touchdowns. They ran the ball 142 yards and passed 394 yards in the 24 minutes they controlled the ball.

Georgia's defense gave the Demon offense a struggle as well. By the end of the game the Bulldog defense laid down over 60 tackles while picking up one fumble recovery, two sacks and two interceptions.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Demon wide receiver, Freddie Harrison, scored the Demons only touchdown Saturday in their stunning defeat against the Georgia Bulldogs. Harrison hooked up with an 11-yard Kevin Magee touchdown pass in the third quarter.

"It's all about us and doing things right," stoker said of the loss. "We need to continue to improve. We are nowhere close to where we need to be if we want to win conference."

Although this week is an off week for the Demons game-wise, they will still be working hard on the practice field. They will be running drills and watching a lot of game footage in order to improve and prepare for their next opponent.

The Demons will finally be playing at home again on Saturday, October 5 as they take on Elon University of North Carolina here at Turpin Stadium.

NSU does not play this weekend but plays Elon at home Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

Part of the Game: Kristen McLaurin

By overcoming personal fears McLaurin becomes NSU's first female drum major

Photo by Glenn Ward
McLaurin called herself a human metronome while conducting the NSU marching band at Wednesday's marching practice in Prather Coliseum parking lot.

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

Who would have ever thought that something as exciting as having a female drum major could belong to NSU's marching band?

Despite this rarity, senior music education major Kristen McLaurin is proving that she can hold her own as the first female drum major at NSU. McLaurin performs with two other drum majors, Daniel Collins and Jacob Delaune. She said that everyone is extremely motivating and supportive about her position.

Director of NSU performing bands Bill Brent said that McLaurin is always well organized and she has all of the characteristics required to be a good drum major.

"We look for good quality characteristics such as dependability, leadership, honesty, and warmth," Brent said. "Students like Kristen will come to the top and set a good example for others."

McLaurin said that being a drum major at NSU was always something she wanted to do but was afraid that because she is a female, she would not get the position.

When she finally tried out, McLaurin was pleased to discover that she gained a new spot in the band.

"It's very exciting and I was completely shocked when I found out," McLaurin said.

Performing band staffer, Sametria Samuels said that McLaurin is an asset to the band and she deserves to be drum major.

"Kristen is such a nice person with a great personality, and I think that she performs wonderfully," Samuels said.

McLaurin said that some of her favorite moments as drum major occurred during the pre-game series because the crowd support is so exciting. One of McLaurin's favorite games was the Northwestern-Southern game.

"I loved the Southern game," McLaurin said. "That was our biggest crowd and just getting out there and watching our band and Southern's band perform was a lot of fun."

McLaurin anticipates the rest of the season to be a fun one.

"I'm really excited about the rest of the season because we have some great music and great shows lined up," McLaurin said.

McLaurin believes that anything is possible when one puts his or her mind to it.

"My advice to anyone is if you want to do it, then do it," McLaurin said. "I went in thinking that I had a slim to nothing chance and look what happened."

"My advice to anyone is if you want to do it, then do it..."

-Kristen McLaurin
NSU Marching Band drum major
About being the first female drum major of the Spririt of Northwestern Marching Band

Photo by Gary Hardamon
The NSU cheerleaders showing some school pride between the shrubs in Athens, Ga.

Demon volleyball drops to SFA, Wins against Sam Houston on Saturday

Sauce Staff

The NSU volleyball team had an action-packed weekend playing rivals Stephen F. Austin on Friday and Sam Houston State on Saturday in the friendly, barn-like confines of Prather Coliseum.

The Lady Demons opened the weekend defeating SFA and winning one game out of four, 30-26.

SFA defeated NSU with the scores of 30-21, 30-24, and 30-23. Lady Demon Christina Stone led both teams with 23 kills and NSU's Evelyn Getzen followed with 17 kills.

"It was a great match, and we worked well even though we lost," Getzen said. Stephen F. Austin is ranked second in the Southland Conference.

Though this game was quite challenging, the team remains positive.

"There were too many unforced errors," Lady Demon Head Coach Leigh Davis said. "This loss did not affect us at all because we still are ranked fourth in the conference."

The Lady Demons found themselves with a 1-1 SLC record and an 8-9 overall record going into Saturday.

The team revived itself on Saturday against Sam Houston State. The Demons downed SHSU in three straight sets, 34-32, 30-28, and 30-18.

Evelyn Getzen led a game high of 16 kills and hit .333 on 33 attacks. Christina Stone had 12 kills in 40 attacks and hit .200. NSU hit, .210 as a team. Flavia Belo also racked up assists.

SHS's Chrissy Engle led the Lady Bearcats with 11 kills and only one error and a .526 hit percentage. Karlee Buth, also a Lady Bearcat, had 34 assists.

NSU has improved since last season with a 9-9 overall, 1 in Southland Conference.

NSU hits the road as they face off against Nicholls State in Thibodeaux on Friday, and then battles Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond on Saturday.

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Lili storms ashore

- *Hurricane packs 140+ mph winds, forces nearly 500,000 La. and Texas residents to evacuate*

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Louisiana residents are bracing for round two of hurricane season as Lili stirs in the Gulf of Mexico, adding strength to her powerhouse winds that have already reached top speeds of 140 miles per hour.

At press time it is believed that Lili will make landfall in the Southwest Louisiana area, in or near Cameron Parish.

The U.S. severe weather service issued a public advisory at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and Calcasieu Parish officials have ordered the evacuation of all areas south of I-10.

Although a majority of citizens are evacuating to places as far north as Arkansas, others such as Darren Howard, a 37-year-old independent contractor and resident of Lake Charles are taking a wait and see approach.

Concurring with local and national weather warnings, Howard expressed concerns over an expected 18-20 foot high storm surge.

"If it hits Cameron Parish and goes into Calcasieu they're saying half of Lake Charles is going to be gone," Howard said.

Despite his concerns, Howard had no immediate plans to evacuate.

"The only thing that would make me leave is a 100 percent guarantee it's going to make landfall directly in Cameron Parish," Howard said.

Other residents, such as 42-year-old pastor and mother of two Christi Emanuel of neighboring Sulphur, are playing it safe and following evacuation notices.

"We're going to Corsicanna," Emanuel said.

Unlike Howard, who lives near lakes and marshland, fears of flooding did not concern Emanuel as much as her fear of the wind.

"The wind is my larger concern right now, " Emanuel said. "We're leaving because we're surrounded with trees and we think that we're going to lose limbs on trees."

Her family's dependence on electricity was also a factor in the decision to evacuate.

"We're all electric and we think we're going to be out of power for a few days," Emanuel said.

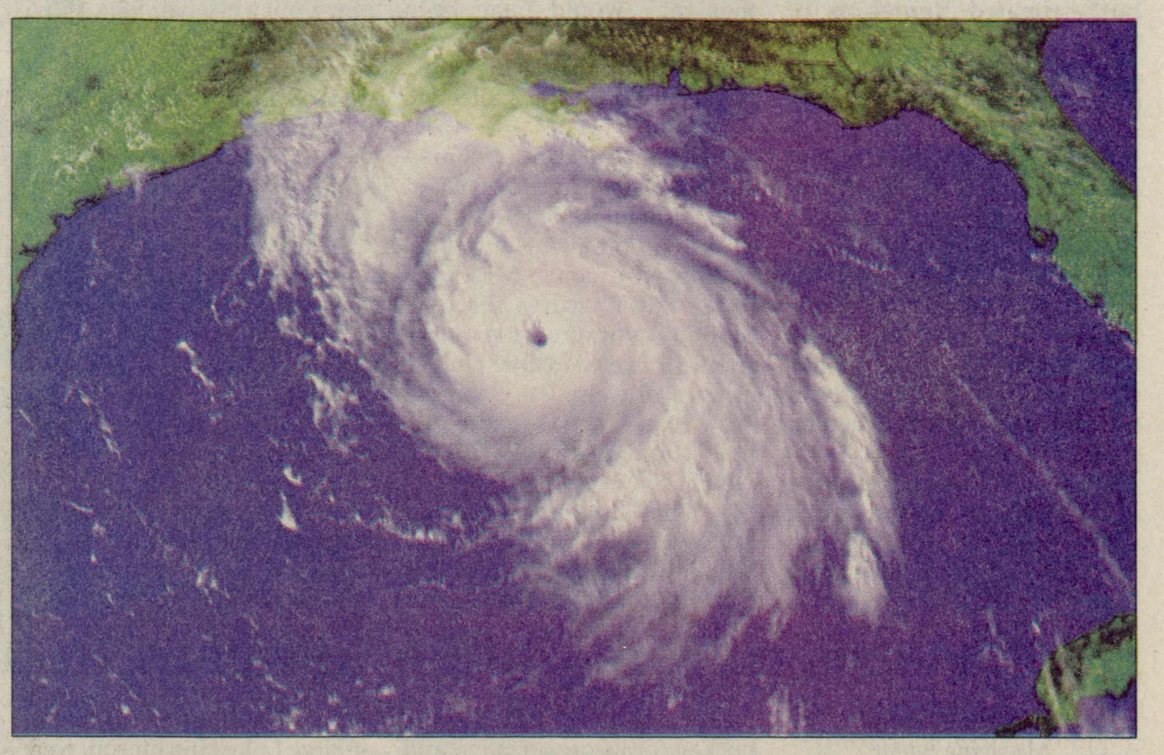
Emanuel noted the community efforts and outreaches within her church to assist those in the community that were unable to evacuate such as the elderly and disabled.

"There are those of us that are pastors and we've called lots of people in our congregation and people have been helping each other trying to get ready," Emanuel said.

Other Sulphur residents were anxious but undecided on whether or not they should leave.

Miggy Haese, a 47-year-old agricultural and domestic manager and Sulphur resident, spoke of her fears of the approaching severe weather.

If the time did come, however, a plan to evacuate to Conroe, Texas was the family's option.



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Hurricane Lili approaches the Louisiana coast in the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. in this satellite photo. With hurricane-force winds extending up to 45 miles from the eye of the storm and storm surges threatening 18 feet in height, Lili provoked emergency officials in Louisiana and Texas to evacuate more than 500,000 people.

Despite public safety and severe weather warnings, there are those, like the Ward family of Moss Bluff, that have chosen to stick it out.

"I'm more scared of living in Moss Bluff the rest of my life," 14-year-old Alice Ward said.

Alice's father, Citgo refinery manager Glen A. Ward was more reserved in his opinion.

"You can't make too big a deal of category four hurricane," Ward said, referring to the five-point categorical scale of hurricane severity.

Freshman Scholars' College major Matthew Burroughs and a friend head to Iberville Hall from Boozman Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The route Burroughs takes often meanders along the smoothest concrete paths. "Between Roy Hall and Prudhomme Hall, the sidewalks were taken out and replaced with Astroturf," Burroughs said, comparing the new softer, more difficult to traverse path to artificial stadium turf.

Photo by Glenn Ward

Overcoming Everyday Obstacles

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

Handicapped students at NSU are working around inaccessible areas and parking problems on campus.

Construction work is currently in progress between the Family and Consumer Sciences Building, Fournet Hall, and Morrison Hall. This poses a problem for some handicapped students, because the sidewalks that originally connected the triad are partially broken up. Students with wheelchairs or electric scooters must find alternate routes to get inside these buildings.

"Wheelchairs can't go through because there aren't anymore sidewalks," Ed Nealy, a handicapped student worker, said. "You have to go around and cut through the back of the Student Union building."

Parking is also a problem for handicapped students.

"My main concern this fall is the abuse of non-eligible students parking in disabled students' spots," Steve Hicks, NSU's disability services coordinator, said. "Parking is already an issue for so many students, but for handicapped students there are so few options."

Hicks said two disabled students in the past two weeks have received parking tickets for parking in the grass. They did so because cars without handicapped tags took the handicapped spots near their buildings.

Both tickets were appealed, and the appeals were approved.

"They shouldn't have had to go through that process," Hicks said.

The Natchitoches City Police Department raised the fine for parking in a handicapped zone to $300 this year.

"University Police have the right to comply with that

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Student senate cancels out presidential appointments' approval

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

Despite a majority of the senate's approval of two appointed SGA senators and a student supreme court justice, the SGA made no progress filling vacant positions with presidential appointments at Monday's meeting.

SGA president Stacie Cosby, who was attending a convention in Baton Rouge and was among several absent members of the SGA, had nominated former class senator candidates Brian Jarreau and Amanda Breaux to fill senator-at-large seats and Current Sauce copy editor Kristin Huben to fill a vacant supreme court justice seat.

By the end of the meeting, however, the senate would strike down Jarreau and Breaux's approval over a constitutional technicality, and its vote on Huben would be invalidated because too many senators were absent or had walked out of the meeting.

After swearing in four senators elected in September, senators voted 9-2, with three abstentions, in favor of approving Jarreau, and Breaux through a nearly unanimous vote.

After swearing in Jarreau, a sophomore, and Breaux, a freshman, the senate debated another Cosby nominee. Kristin Huben was Cosby's choice to fill an empty seat on the student supreme court.

Junior class senators Dustin Floyd and Liz Hughes said they preferred candidates that had previously served on the SGA senate.

"I would love to have a senator on the supreme court," Floyd said.

> **"What happens in here, you don't have to tell everybody."**
>
> **- Luke Hutchinson**
> SGA senator

SGA vice president Jennifer Jensen and senators-at-large Scott Manguno and Mindy McConnell said Huben was qualified despite having never filled a senate seat.

"She is well-versed in the constitution," Jensen said.

Huben, Jensen, Manguno and McConnell are all Louisiana Scholars' College students, as is president Cosby. Floyd previously accused unnamed "scholars'" of spreading propaganda against his fall campaign for senate in a letter printed by the Sauce on Sept. 19, but said later that he was not referring to Scholars' College members of the SGA.

Floyd and former running mate Buster Carlisle also lost to Cosby and Jensen in the spring presidential election.

A senate majority eventually voted for Huben, with Floyd and Hughes the only dissenting votes. Chris Henry and Kelli Miller abstained.

Henry said he declined to vote because he felt uninformed. Miller was not available for comment.

After the senate voted on Huben, Floyd pointed out a section of the SGA constitution that could have potentially invalidated Jarreau and Breaux's approval.

The section said appointments to vacated senate seats must be approved by two-thirds of the active senate, or quorum. Floyd contested that at the time of the senate appointments, the senate did not meet quorum and could not approve any senators.

The senate barely had enough members arrive to start the meeting and was plagued by senators leaving over its course. Jensen said five members of the senate, includ-

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NSU22 weekend forecast

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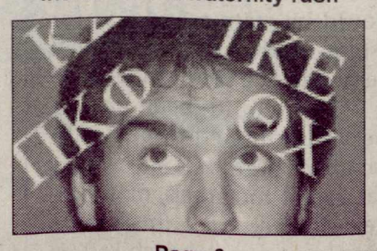
Inside look at fraternity rush



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52 percent of freshmen ineligible under future enrollment rules

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

The enrollment statistics for the current semester have not been officially compiled, but estimated figures as of Sept. 13 show that if the selective admissions policy would have been in effect for this semester, only 48 percent of the current freshman would have been eligible to attend Northwestern.

In 2005 NSU will begin operating under selective admission standards. This means there will be a big change in the admissions process and the number of students who will be accepted to the university.

The proposed selective admissions policy coming into effect in 2005 requires incoming students to have a minimum 2.0 GPA in the 16 1/2 specific units of high school courses required to be eligible for TOPS combined with a 20 composite on the ACT.

Some students admitted that they would have been part of the 52 percent of freshmen that would be ineligible to attend NSU under selective admissions.

Nina Gintz, a freshman elementary education major, said, "I made a 19 so I wouldn't have gotten in, but some people who come here with lower ACT scores become harder workers, so they should have the same chance as everyone else."

Nicole Garcia, a radiology major, also disagrees with the new policy.

"The students who are here who wouldn't have met the requirements are getting a chance to better themselves that they wouldn't get from other universities, so it's a shame that NSU is not going to continue to do that," Garcia said.

Not all freshmen think the new policy is a bad idea, however.

Kristy Parker, a theater major, said, "I think it's smart to implement the new selective admissions policy, but it's pointless if they keep remedial courses."

This leads students to the question of what NSU officials are doing to move the university through this transition. According to the head of enrollment services, Ina Agnew, the university has been working on these changes for several years.

The Office of Admissions has been putting more resources into recruitment. It has been in closer contact with high school counselors and has been making more personal phone calls and private visits in the effort of recruiting students with higher high school GPAs and ACT scores.

In addition to this, the university has also concentrated more on promoting community colleges. Students who will not meet the requirements for the selective admissions in 2005 will be encouraged to attend community colleges closely associated with NSU.

"Attending community college is an advantage to the students who want to eventually come to Northwestern," Agnew said. "The university is establishing solid working relationships with the community colleges so students can transfer easily with a minimum amount of fuss."

SGA passes in-line budget, swears in new senators

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

Monday's SGA senate meeting yielded $5,000 for the campus' in-line hockey club's budget, a crown and banquet for the Homecoming Honor Court, four newly-elected senators and a call for silence outside of the senate's weekly meetings despite their being open to the public.

Senators Scott Manguno and Cade Strong lauded in-line hockey for its organization and the club for its cooperation and patience. The club sport, which had already raised and spent more than $7,000 of its own funds, wanted the money for league fees, equipment and other expenses.

The senate unanimously passed the budget.

Two bills to benefit the homecoming honor court, authored by junior class senator Dustin Floyd and senator-at-large Luke Hutchinson, were also easily passed by the senate. The legislation, to spend $260 for a reception and $113.29 for the queen's crown, also passed unanimously.

SGA vice president Jennifer Jensen, acting on behalf of absent SGA president Stacie Cosby, also swore in four senators elected during September's elections.

The four senators, Ken Romas, Timmy Watts, Chris Henry, and Kayla Brossett, quintupled the number of black senators on the SGA. The senate's only other black senator is Tometrius Greer.

Hutchinson also spoke on talking about senate meetings outside of the senate.

"What happens in here, you don't have to tell everybody," Hutchinson said. "If it happens in here, you don't have to take it out of here."

Absences impede SGAsenate in, out of meetings

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ing Adam Allen, Luke Hutchinson and Ryan Terry, had left and that there would not have been a problem approving anyone if they had stayed.

Speaker of the senate Greg Comeaux said he believed presidential nominees for senate positions left open after elections only required a simple majority for approval.

After a brief recess, Manguno moved to nullify the senate appointments and suggested that the internal affairs committee debate the constitution before sending a case to the student supreme court.

Manguno's motion to nullify Jarreau and Breaux's approval passed unanimously. However, the senate did not act on the vote they had just made on Huben's nomination, neither declaring her approval or refusal.

By the terms of the constitution, Huben fell far short of the two-thirds of the active senate's votes needed for approval despite having the majority of present senators' approval. If every member of the senate present voted in her favor, she still could not have been approved.

"We've never had two-thirds of the entire senate here," Jensen said after the meeting. "We have a hard enough time fighting for quorum."

Most of the confusion over the senate appointments was due to the wording of the section Floyd cited.

Senators were confused over whether the open seats from the elections were "vacated," and what "vacated" meant in the constitution.

Jensen also said several senators were under administrative review for missing office hours and meetings without excuses.

A review is required before a senator can be removed for violating the senate's rules, which requires members to attend senate meetings or provide an excuse and work three office hours each week.

Comeaux said the senate would act as though Huben's vote did not take place and stood by his view that the senate appointments only required a simple majority to pass, citing informal support from supreme court justices Justin Owen and Sharmyn Little.

The contested senate seats were available because several class senator seats were not filled by this fall's elections, including three graduate senator seats. Comeaux also resigned his senator-at-large seat after winning a junior class senate seat on Sept. 18.

The supreme court seat Huben was nominated for opened up when a court justice graduated this spring.

Disabled have problems with access

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number," Hicks said. "But they choose not to."

NSU Police issues a much smaller fine for parking in a handicapped zone on campus. All parking tickets are $25, whether you park in the grass, in a faculty spot, or in a handicapped zone.

Some disabled students think this is unfair.

"It's only a $25 ticket. That doesn't deter anyone. They could at least make it $50," Nealy said.

Nealy also said students park in the blue lines surrounding handicapped spots. This sometimes causes more of a problem than if a student had taken up the whole space.

"People with vans can't unload their wheelchairs when students park in the blue lines," Nealy said. "The same goes for my pickup truck. The lift in the back of my truck swings down over the bed, so if someone is parked in the blue lines, I can't lower the lift."

No plans have been made for additional handicapped parking on campus.

"I think the campus police need to designate a parking lot for disabled students only," Richie Mercer, a disabled student, said. "I know it wouldn't solve the parking issue completely, but this may ease the hassle of finding a vacant parking spot."

Parking along sidewalks is also a problem. For students who use wheelchairs or scooters, a car can sometimes make it impossible to continue down the sidewalk.

"People just don't realize that a wheelchair might need to get by," Nealy said.

There are several other places on campus where wheelchair accessibility has been a problem.

Until two years ago, no wheelchair access was available for the third floor of the Student Union. Offices on the third floor, such as Job Location and Development Services, had to send representatives from their offices and complete services on the second floor.

With the addition of a mechanical wheelchair lift on the stairwell of the Student Union, disabled students can easily reach the second floor.

Any disabled student may attain a key to this lift by contacting either Hicks in Room 237 of Kyser or Woody Blair in the Residential Life office on the first floor of the Student Union. Keys can be issued for the entire academic year.

Although these changes have been a great improvement, there are still some buildings that have no wheelchair access to their upstairs levels.

Matthew Borroughs, a Scholars' College freshman, is an example of the kind of student that would benefit from adaptations NSU officials are working on.

Borroughs resides on the first floor of Boozman Hall, another building without handicapped access to the second floor. Since Borroughs had no way to reach the computer lab on the upstairs level, NSU officials allowed him to keep a new computer and printer from that lab in his dorm room.

In Roy Hall, second floor offices continue to bring their services downstairs for handicapped students. Representatives from Veterans Affairs, the Computer Center, Institutional Research, Admissions, and Recruiting are available.

"I just give them a call from the first floor when I need them," Nealy said. "They've been great about it."

The Teachers Education Center is another building that is a problem for handicapped students. There is no wheelchair access to the second floor.

"I would rather be able to have a conference with that particular professor in the privacy of their office, especially if it is about a problem I'm having in the class that I don't want to discuss in front of a lot of people," Mercer said.

Mercer said he thinks it should be state mandated for a state-funded school to meet the needs of every student.

"This would mean having every building equipped with elevators, ramps, sidewalks that aren't too steep, or whatever devices or adjustments necessary to make each building as accessible as possible," Mercer said.

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Student Activities Board

Homecoming week schedule:

Monday - Homecoming kick-off extravaganza, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in front of the Student Union.

Tuesday - Starflix "Make your own video," 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Union lobby.

Wednesday - IM Fun Run & Block Party, 4 p.m. in front of the IM Building.

Thursday - SAB Night at the Movies, showing *Signs* at 7 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

"Too Hot to Handle" Bonfire, 10 p.m. at the bottom of Greek Hill.

Friday - Parade Kick-off at 5 p.m., in the Prather Coliseum parking lot.

Pep rally after parade on the downtown Riverfront.

Saturday - Football! NSU Demons vs. Southwest Oklahoma. 3 p.m. kickoff, Turpin Stadium.

Attention all organizations. Homecoming packets are due on Monday by 4:30 p.m.

Join an SAB committee! For more information come to Room 214 of the Student Union.

Interested in being in the next Lady of the Bracelet Pageant? Come to the Lady of the Bracelet Interest Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday in the President's Room of the Student Union.

Come celebrate Family Day Saturday at A. A. Fredricks Auditiorium. Ventriloquist Keith Haddrill will perform at 2 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m. for families. There will be door prizes and entertainment.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Pratt in Room 314E or call at 357-5590.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club encourages all Psychology majors and minors to join. Meetings are held in Bienvenu Hall in Room 305 every other Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday at 3 p.m. There is no specific GPA required!

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Book of Job Panel

The Louisiana Scholars' College will sponsor a panel discussion on the Old Testament Book of Job today at 7:30 p.m. in the TV Studio in Kyser Hall.

For further information, contact Fraser Snowden at 357-4587.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the Current Sauce, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Argus distributes despite setbacks

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

Last Wednesday the media board convened to appoint a new editor for *Argus*. However, the board made no appointments at the meeting.

The board could not review the applications because the SGA appointed student representatives were mysteriously absent. Actually, they were more than absent; they were missing. There is no single list in the SGA office that says who exactly was appointed by them last spring.

Furthermore, they are not even sure how many members are still students at NSU.

Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux said, "I'm pretty sure that one member of the Media Board is not back at school."

Comeaux was certain that the person he was thinking of was no longer attending college here, but whether or not she was appointed last spring is still in contention.

However, this means that the Senate must find all of the remaining members by this afternoon, when the Media Board meets again.

Jennifer Jensen cites poor record keeping on the part of previous Speaker of the Senate Dustin Floyd as one of the sources of the problem.

"At the end of the semester last year our Speaker of the Senate did not care about the agenda - nothing is recorded," Jensen said.

She also said that the appointments were made last semester during the dispute between the *Current Sauce* and the SGA, so the minutes containing the names of the appointees may never have been printed in the paper.

If this is true, there is no back-up for these records.

Dustin Floyd denied that his record keeping was flawed.

He stated that he handled the records "the same as any speaker before me."

As to why the records are missing, he said that the records are open to anyone to research and that the minutes in question may have just never been returned.

The Media Board incident is the latest in a string of miscommunications that have hindered *Argus*.

In an interview with *Argus*'s sponsor, Julie Kane, she said the magazine first encountered difficulties last year when their publisher, Louisiana Technical College Printing Services, refused to print the book without a layout.

This, Kane said, was a change in the agreement.

Originally the vender agreed to being paid the final half of the payment after the CD's were delivered.

Late last semester, however, the company demanded full payment before it would send the shipment.

Argus' CDs and magazines are now both here and available to be picked up from the third floor Writing Center in Kyser Hall.

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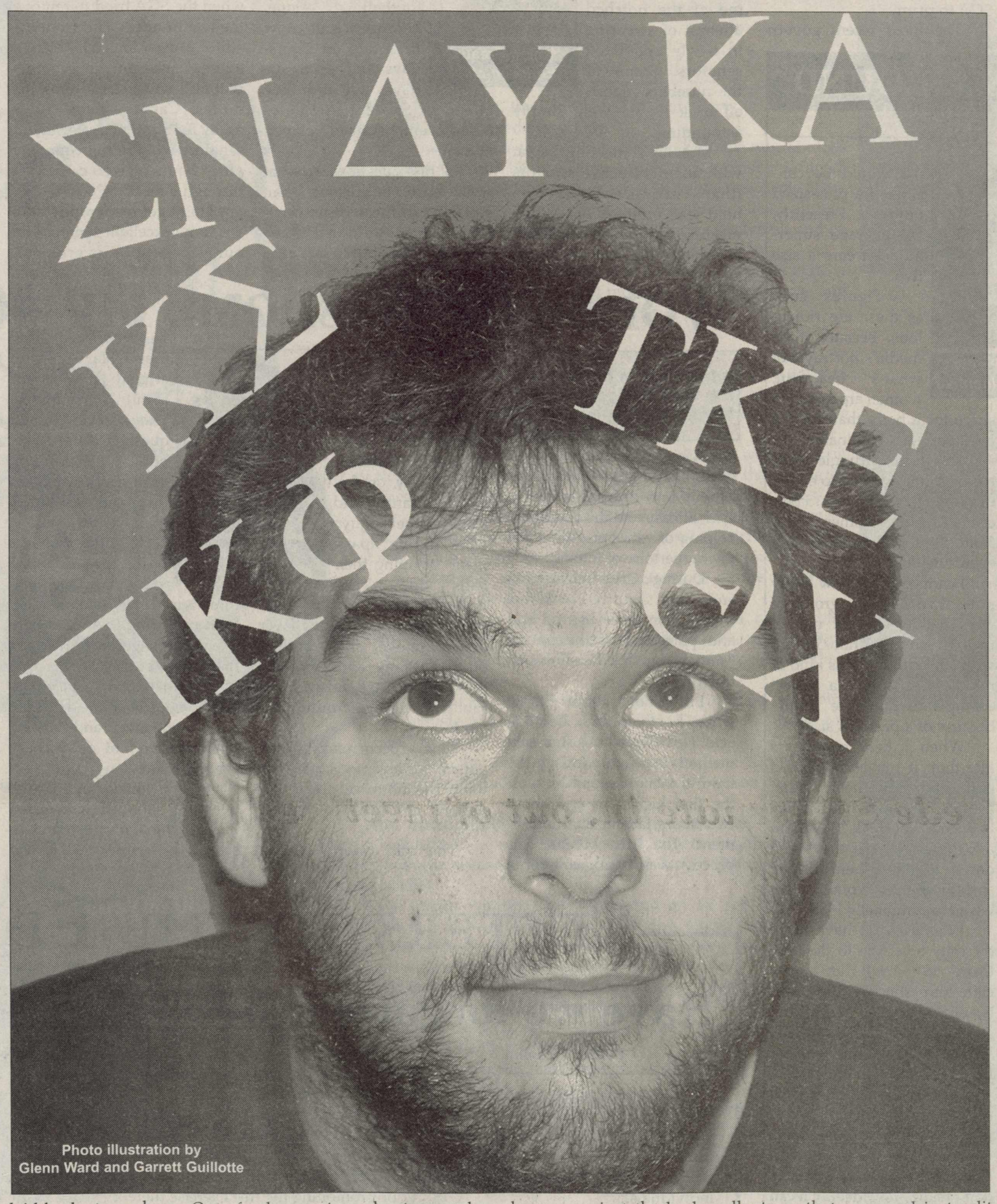
Fraternity rush or something like it

Part II → Visiting the fraternity houses

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter



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Some friends mentioned once that they could see me as a Theta Chi, so my initial interests leaned towards them early on. But despite the encouraging sentiments I wasn't quite sure how to behave when we were introduced to the brothers.

Normally whenever I meet large groups of strangers, it's either before or during the act of getting loaded, so performing this sober was quite a challenge.

Was I sup posed to walk around and shake hands like I was running for president or just start talking impromptu like an AA meeting?

I was caught off guard rather quickly when I noticed a black guy in the fray of the Theta Chi fraternity because he stuck out like a-well, like a black guy in a room full of white guys. Much the same way I would stick out at a Black Panther rally. Celebrate the differences, kids.

I will say the fact that Theta Chi was interracial increased my level of interest.

About 30 minutes went by when we were instructed it was time to leave and make our way to the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

When I was a freshman, I hung out with a few Tau Kappa Epsilon's during Freshmen Connection (names will be left out because I'm not sure if they're allowed to do that). I had a good time and had intended to pledge my first semester until I was informed by a certain Scottish roommate, who will remain nameless, that gouging my eyes out with a spoon would be a more positive social adjustment than becoming a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Their house was modest and resembled a manufactured home, but they took pride in it because they had done all the work themselves. I respected that. They made no apologies for the type of guys they were and touted themselves as "The working man's fraternity."

It was a very comfortable, laid-back atmosphere. Out of all the carbon-copy brotherhood sales pitches I heard during the week, Tau Kappa Epsilon was definitely the most honest, down to earth and downright funny.

Next up was Sigma Nu. I was a little anxious walking to Russell Hall where Sigma Nu was meeting because I had done a story about a member who had been indicted on federal drug charges last semester. Therefore, I was a bit frightened of what might happen should any of these guys be able to put two and two together. My fears only increased when they opened the doors.

They were lined up one by one against the back wall as a presiding member stood out in front, clip board in hand as if it was created specifically for him.

Like a bizarre menagerie of scenes from *The Skulls*, a pagan sacrifice and a used car commercial, he paced up and down in front of his minions.

There was no stutter, no *uh's* or *um's*, no pauses. The man spoke with surgical precision.

If all of the fraternities were a military outfit, Sigma Nu would be the black-ops team that you send in to slit some guy's throat outside of Karachi, Pakistan.

I was both frightened and mesmerized at the same time. I was so taken back by the presentation, that all I could do was keep my head pointed to the ground and sit against the back wall until it was time to leave.

Night two brought me to the house of Pi Kappa Phi. First impressions had me feeling as if I were inside of an Abercrombie and Fitch catalogue, except without the soft-core pornography or board shorts lying around.

All the fraternities touted the highest GPA, Intramural trophies, and other fraternal awards, but Pi Kappa Phi was the first to show proof.

They also had the most convincing charity and community service programs and talked about them as if they really cared. What those programs were I couldn't tell you because I didn't really care.

Pi Kappa Phi and Theta Chi were my top choices at this point, but I didn't feel as though I belonged in Pi Kappa Phi.

I don't know how to accessorize, gel my hair and the last time I checked I am not now, nor have I ever been, loved by Phi Mu. Plus, I smile less in an entire year than these guys do in a single day. Must be all that pink love going around.

Basically, Theta Chi would be the guys I would get drunk with; Pi Kappa Phi would be the guys who drove me home.

Next was Kappa Sigma. They acted like a football team and barked loudly whenever a brother finished speaking. I believe that explains everything.

We then made our way to the Kappa Alpha plantation, er, house, and awaited their presentation.

Their president proclaimed that Kappa Alpha embodied the spiritual and moral values of their founder Robert E. Lee. You know, like losing.

Kappa Alpha did have a certain gentleman's quality to them, and if it weren't for the stressing on Southern traditions I might have been interested.

However, I do give them big kudos for holding Old South, a formal that requires sorority girls to wear corsets and say things like "I do declare."

Last up was Delta Upsilon. I wasn't even aware that there was a Delta Upsilon before going into rush and even now that I've seen them I'm still not sure they exist.

They had music playing on a computer when we walked in, and when the track accidentally played a song by Pink (the girl not the Floyd) I made up my mind that Dungeons and, uh-Delta Upsilon was not for me.

All things being equal, they were nice guys, and I had a very pleasant conversation with a few of them. Of course I've had pleasant conversations with people at retirement homes as well, but you don't see me rolling up a wheelchair to the Chinese checkers table at Shady Oaks do you?

Exiting Delta Upsilon, two nights of tours were completed and as I walked my increasingly sickly body home. My hopes were set on either Pi Kappa Phi or Theta Chi, if for no other reason than the fact that they rhyme when you say them together.

The thought of completely changing my image and trying to get into Kappa Alpha was also available option. You know, for the corsets.

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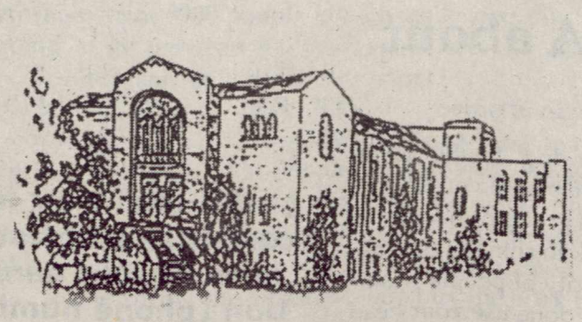
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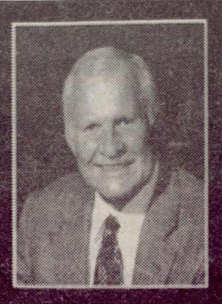
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What *does* happen to people who do not do their jobs?

I love the Student Government Association. Well, so does a certain sorority, but they love everyone and everything; they even love opposing sororities and the Student Union. But with love comes criticism. As any devout fan would, I must ask, what the hell is going on with the SGA?

Last year it was rumored the *Current Sauce* was not doing its job by not printing the minutes. Oh how the tables have turned. Now it is hard getting minutes from the SGA to print.

The most recent government blunder was this Monday's meeting. NSU 22 reporter Josh Green and *Current Sauce* managing editor Garrett Guillotte both informed me of the botched attempt of swearing in newly appointed senators. Some of the numbers reported back to me were simply astounding.

Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in-chief

Monday's meeting began with about 14 active senators (that's voting senators who hold seats on the SGA). As the meeting progressed apparently some of the senators began to leave one by one to attend more important events. These more important events are ambiguous to me. It couldn't have been a football game, because we all know those are on Thursdays and or Saturdays, nor did they attend a Student Activities Board event, because, well you know.

So my question is, what was more important than swearing in these eager senators? What could not have waited for an hour?

In the end only nine of the 14 original senators felt that the meeting was of some importance to them so they were nice enough to stay until the meeting's completion.

We must look to last year when the SGA tried to remove the late Rondray Hill from his editor's position. The SGA's attempt was on the grounds that Hill was not fulfilling his duties. Can the same rules apply for Student Government senators who do not complete office hours or who cannot sit through a meeting?

Don't get me wrong, there are some excellent senators on our Student Government. Many of these senators stand firm in what they do, and what they do is good. They are in the office week after week, writing legislation, which is sometimes comical and trivial, but nonetheless it is legislation.

Let this be a lesson to those of you who voted Joe Slackass Blow to be your class senator. Stop voting students onto the SGA because they ask you to or they are in your organization or because they are pretty. Vote on someone you know will be reliable to the students because some of these senators are an embarrassment to the SGA.

Uncommon Ground

Fat? So!

Ashley Pierce
Sauce Columnist

Size acceptance is not something that most of us think about when considering the many different forms of hate in our surroundings. However, size is still one of the most powerful prejudices in our society.

I was a fat kid. Despite the common stereotypes fat people are branded with, I wasn't lazy, I wasn't stupid and I didn't eat the other kid's lunches at recess. I did learn, however, that being fat was not cool and I carried this emotional burden with me with for years.

Being thin has not only come to represent attractiveness, but has also come to symbolize success, self-control and self-worth.

Irrational concepts such as these are often force-fed to our generation at a young age. Barbie dolls have long been held as a standard of beauty for young girls across the world. I had my fair share of Malibu and Sleepover Barbies, and I was not alone.

Over 90 percent of all girls ages 3 to 11 own Barbies, an early role model with a figure that is physically unattainable in real life.

To date, Barbie's actual proportions are so unrealistic that she would not be able to stand if she were real. She'd also have to carry her pancreas in one of those trendy pink purses, because her waist is so small in relation to her breasts that all her internal organs would not be able to fit inside.

In a recent study of almost 500 schoolgirls, 40 percent of the 10-year-olds said that they were trying to lose weight.

These kinds of thoughts root themselves early in life, and continue to plague us as we grow into adults.

A poll conducted by *Glamour* magazine found that 75 percent of women thought they were "too fat". Years ago, this kind of mentality was unheard of. Marilyn Monroe, long considered one of the most beautiful women in the world, wore a size 16. In today's society, Marilyn Monroe would be considered a plus-sized model. Presently, the average supermodel wears a size two.

Figures such as these are ridiculous. Because of the media's portrayal of what's beautiful, women are forced to strive for a body that, for the most part, is unattainable.

This futile struggle leads many young women to eating disorders (a whopping 15 percent of young women suffer from them), depression and even suicide.

I cannot count how many times I've heard a group of guys making fun of one of their friends for "hooking up with a fat chick." This kind of mindless ridicule is a perfect example of prejudice simply because of a person's size.

When I hear comments like that, it makes my blood boil and my heart sink, because I know what it's like to be that "fat chick." I want to ask the assholes if they even dared to delve beneath the surfaces of these women to see what they are really like.

Why does fat have to be the only adjective to describe them? Why can't they appreciate our shapely hips and beautiful curves? God didn't give them to us by mistake. We are all beautiful women, from our brains to our breasts to the boundless curves some of us possess.

I guess it's those guys who don't deserve us anyway. The point is, so many people don't realize how deeply it can hurt to overhear such unkind words.

If only one person in enlightened by this column, I will feel I have served my purpose. It is such a shame that so many beautiful people are plagued by prejudice simply because of their size.

I hope that you will move forward from reading this with a broader perspective of what makes us truly beautiful, inside and out.

If you have any questions, comments or topic ideas, feel free to e-mail them to NSUinqueery@hotmail.com.

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Words of Wisdom: Tip #6-Drugs

■ The name in this article has been changed to protect the innocent.

A few years ago, I hung out with some guys who were heavily into drugs. Marijuana, acid, ecstasy and the occasional helping of 'shrooms, filled out their repertoire of intoxicants.

During a drug-laden weekend, my buddy-Frank-was tripping on three hits of acid and partaking of the pot to "smooth out the harshness of the trip."

Little note about Frank; when he took acid, he took acid. He believed in a stair step method. It began with the initial hit, then a second hit after the first kicked in and about two hours later a final installment. The idea behind this process was it allowed for a longer, more enhanced trip. This method doesn't actually increase the effect, but it does waste a lot of money.

Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

Anyway, on this night Frank and some other guys were in his apartment "tripping their balls off." They walked outside of the apartment to escape the thick layer of pot smoke, and standing outside, Frank and company sees a six-foot-tall, fuzzy, white rabbit hopping around the yard.

This occurrence may appear strange to some, but under the influence, bizarre situations are easily explained away.

The acid troop watched their 'Harvey' hop around the yard for about 30 minutes. They never really questioned the event, but eventually curiosity overcame them and they began to move toward it.

Within two feet of the gigantic fuzzy individual, the lone three saw what had actually been capturing their attention; a white garbage bag blowing in the wind.

They laughed about it for a while, went back inside to listen to some music and finished their weekend of debauchery around 6 a.m.

A little while after this incident, and about a few hundred like it, Frank dropped out of school. He only lacked a few hours in attaining his degree, but the more than recreational drug use had turned him into a perpetual potato.

He didn't attend classes or care about too much. What begin as a "every now and again" relationship with drugs turned into a full blown reliance. Frank became an apathetic participant in his own life.

I have kind of lost track with him in the recent years, but I hear through common friends he is doing better. He eventually realized his dependence upon drugs was holding him back, as opposed, to providing a 'fun and educational' way of spending free time.

The moral of the story: Recreational drug use-okay, using drugs to supplement the down points in your life, bad.

Letters to the Editor

Have we forgotten the First Amendment?

By Eva De Leon

In response to Ms. Gordon's article "Does America really bless God?", I would like to point out that there are some weighty errors in her argument, which has been shared by like-minded individuals.

In her article, she states that America "was built on the Bible and God". Granted, the Puritans who landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620, to found one of the first European colonies in North America, were Christian, and they did believe in founding a staunch, God-fearing community. These same Puritans were responsible for some of the features that will stay with America for a very long time: practicality, an emphasis on education, and the Salem Witch Trials. However, the men who led the fight for America's independence, and who tailored the Constitution, were of a different system of beliefs; they were deist, not Christian, as were most intellectuals of their time. They wanted a government that would not be influenced by religion, so that no group of individuals could impose its religious doctrines onto another.

The idea of freedom of religion was so important to so many people that Americans gave their lives for it. People from other countries risked everything to come to America in hopes of being able to practice their religion freely. The statement "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof' which opens the First Amendment has been the beacon of hope which has led many imn-figrants (of which America is mostly comprised) to our country.

The prospect of a nation in which diversity can coexist with tolerance is a lofty one, but the prospect of a nation with a religious bias seems a little too reminiscent of medieval Europe. Ms. Gordon writes, "We have to go back to what we used to know, what we used to do." If she is referring to the Puritans, then are we to return to executing those whose beliefs do not mesh with the majority? Are we to go back to the 1950s when women had to stay at home and act stupid, when Americans were either "white" or "colored", and anyone who did not share the same ideas as the majority was accused of being Communist or un-American? Are we to forget about the not-so-numerous minority religious groups who live here, too, living peacefully with Christians, who would be devastated if we were to, as Ms. Gordon says, "let God be our leader"?

The hijackers of the four ill-fated airplanes of September 11 believed that they were fulfilling God's word. So did the many militant groups that have bombed abortion clinics. So did the inquisitors who persecuted individuals of minority indigenous religions in the Middle Ages. Jesus, too believed that everything he did (whether he was right is another issue) was for God; however, Jesus didn't persecute anyone. Perhaps it is not lack of religion that is hurting our country, as Ms. Gordon claims, but taking faith too far.

If individual Americans praise God, that is one thing; they are exercising their First Amendment right. If every citizen had to have the Bible shoved in their face, that is another. After all, the original inhabitants of this country were not Christian. America today exemplifies diversity; nearly every community has more than one ethnic group and many more systems of beliefs. Like potpourri, it is only appreciable when there is a little of everything contained within.

Response to Q&A about The Sex

By Ray Meade

The first paragraph of this article was very offensive to me by calling all people who do not have sex till marriage unactrative and that we that do not have sex do not have fun. This is absurd I am a 20 year old virgin. I am not unactactive to any women with a right mind nor do I "loathe" fun. Next time before you decide to label a group of people who stick to something that the majority of people wish they had done use your head and not the one between your legs either.

■ The article Meade is referring to is Rob Morgan's Q&A about The Sex. Morgan's article ran in last week's issue of the *Current Sauce*.

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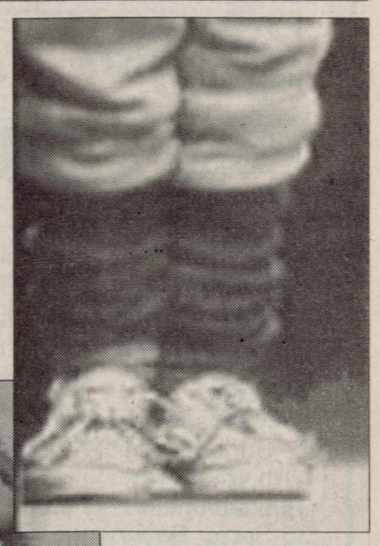

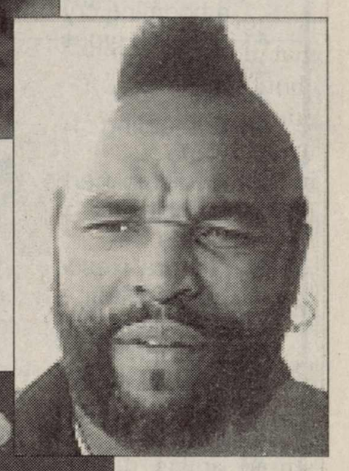

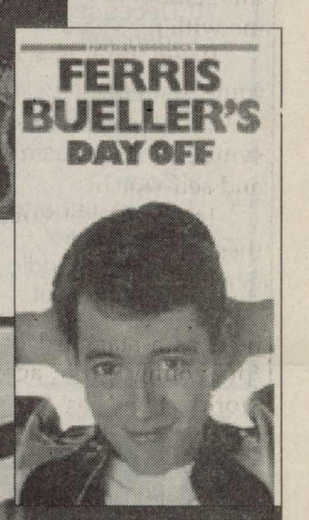

By Karen Patriquin
Sauce Reporter

Before the Internet, the Latin invasion, and "Party of Five" there was a decade that changed everything.

Most of us were born in the '80s, so lets break out the rubrics cubes and brush off the Atari because its time to go back to your childhood.

It was a time where leg warmers were hip and a new cable channel called MTV played nothing but the best music videos all day. The nostalgia of our past can still be found at the local malls and on TV today.

The '80s may be dead but the fashion lives on. Well most of it.

I think we are all thankful that mohawks, parachute pants, and spandex crept their way out the spotlight.

So what is still in, you ask?

For starters, shoes.

Guys would not have been caught dead at school without a pair of Adidas or Vans which are still very popular brands today.

However, the high top and pump up versions of these shoes have not been popular for years.

Girls would not leave their houses if they were not wearing a pair of Keds without socks, or a pair of Reeboks, though the popularity of these brands have been replaced by newer shoe companies.

As far as clothes, the big belts that do not fit through belt loops are back in. That fashionable three quarter sleeved shirt in your closet was also in during the golden age of the material girl.

Madonna also gave us such fashions as the shirts and dresses off the shoulder.

"The blues and hot pinks are coming back, and the blue eye shadow," freshman theater major Kristy Parker said.

Be on the lookout, it seems the styles of our childhood are here to stay.

Speaking of childhood, toys and cartoons are being remade and updated, such as "He-Man" and "Transformers," which can be seen on Cartoon Network.

Strawberry Shortcake, Care Bears, Rainbow Brite and My Little Pony, all cartoons and toys from the '80s, can be seen on new t-shirts or as toys.

And where would this or any other generation be without *Star Wars*, which first came out in 1977. It gained immense popularity during the '80s with the release of *The Empire Strikes Back* in 1980, and *Return of the Jedi* in 1983.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" appeared on TV sets in 1986 and changed the face of daytime as we know it today. Oprah's show was followed by many other daytime talk shows but she rains queen of day time TV, having one of the longest running day time talk shows.

"The music is coming back, a lot of people are starting to listen to it," freshmen dentistry major Chelsea Harris said.

From bands to beats, many songs from the '80s are making a comeback as remixes with a techno beat.

The big music names that have new albums out now are Bon Jovi and Kylie Minogue.

Australian actress-turned singer Kylie Minogue had a few big hits in the 1980s, one of them being "The Loco Motion".

She drifted away from America's eye but not out of the global spotlight. She has a following in Europe and just recently released her song "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," which jumped onto American radios. Once again Kylie Minogue's name is on the lips of Americans.

Bon Jovi is coming out with a new CD this month called *Bounce*. This will be the bands 10th recording. Bon Jovi's biggest album was *Slippery when Wet* in 1987 launched by the release of the singles such "Living on a Prayer" and "Wanted Dead or Alive".

Who knows what new trends from the past will pop up next year, but as always disco is still dead. Be on the lookout for more things from your past as the fashion and media worlds are always reinventing themselves.

Making quota, how buyback process works

By Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter

You spend countless hours studying, pretending to study or just not studying at all. However, you choose to do it, eventually you find yourself at the end of the semester. Now what do you do with all your books? One word; buyback.

For buyback to start, bookstores must receive adoption lists from teachers, telling them what books are going to be used the next semester. Bookstores create a quota on how many books they will need to buy back from students.

"We will buy back the quantity that fits for the upcoming semester," Lee Waskom, owner of Campus Corner, said.

Some books do not need to be bought back. These books are for "trailer classes." Trailer classes are classes for which the same textbook can be used for more than one semester.

Waskom used English classes as an example of how buyback works. Waskom estimates that 900 to 1000 students are taking English 1010 this fall and about 300 are taking English 1020.

The situation is different in the spring when more students are taking 1020.

"I've got 900 English 1010 books out there in the fall," Waskom said. "900 people are going to go between the two bookstores and sell back the books, but there's only 300 people taking 1010 in the spring, so the first 300 people across the finish line are going to get their books bought back at half price."

In the spring the situation changes. The 900 people who took 1010 are going to be taking 1020 in the spring, so Waskom will be buying back every 1020 book he can get his hands on.

When buyback begins, bookstores buy books back at half price, or retail price. Once their quota is met, the price drops to wholesale, which is usually one third of the price paid for the book from the store.

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> **-Lee Waskom**
> Owner, Campus Corner
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"Sometimes you get better (prices), and sometimes you get worse," Waskom said.

For some students, even the best is not enough.

"Sometimes, when they do buy the book back, it's usually at less than half the price," junior Natasha Stevenson said. "You feel ripped off."

Other students take things into their own hands.

"Other than selling back to bookstores, I sell my books to other students and make more money," sophomore Devin Steward said.

After the quota is met and the book is scanned, a wholesale price from Follett, one of Campus Corner's wholesale distributors, appears on screen. Employees look through other wholesale books to see if there is a better price than what Follett offers. Some prices can be close, but sometimes there can be a real difference in prices offered.

"Sometimes you'll see us thumbing through books because you're the first time we've encountered that book in a wholesale situation," Waskom said. The best price is then put into the computer to offer to other students.

Problems can arise with buyback and prices when adoption lists are not turned in on time.

"One time got the adoption list the last day of buyback," Waskom said. "For the 5 or 10 people that were left...they got their books bought back at half, but all the other people got wholesale."

If the list is not turned in, bookstores assume that the book is not being reused and they buy it at wholesale. Bookstores can lose lots of money if they do a "speculative buy" and assume books will be reused and the book is not adopted.

"In some cases we have to throw them (the books) in the dumpster," Waskom said .Thousands and thousands of dollars of books."

Even though problems arise with adoption lists, Waskom is generally satisfied with the process.

"On the whole, the professors at Northwestern do a very good job of getting the adoptions in, in a timely fashion, but there are always a few professors out there that can create a lot of problems for us," Waskom said.

After buyback is over, machines are shut down and reports are printed. Books that are being used the next semester are kept and wholesale books are packed up and sent out to wholesale companies. The wholesalers pay Waskom what he paid students for the books. The wholesale companies ship the books to other colleges and send Waskom books that he ordered and books from other schools.

The turnaround time is usually three weeks in the fall, including major holidays like Christmas and New Year's. During this time, Waskom has to pack and ship old books, receive new books, train a new staff for the school rush, and start all over again.

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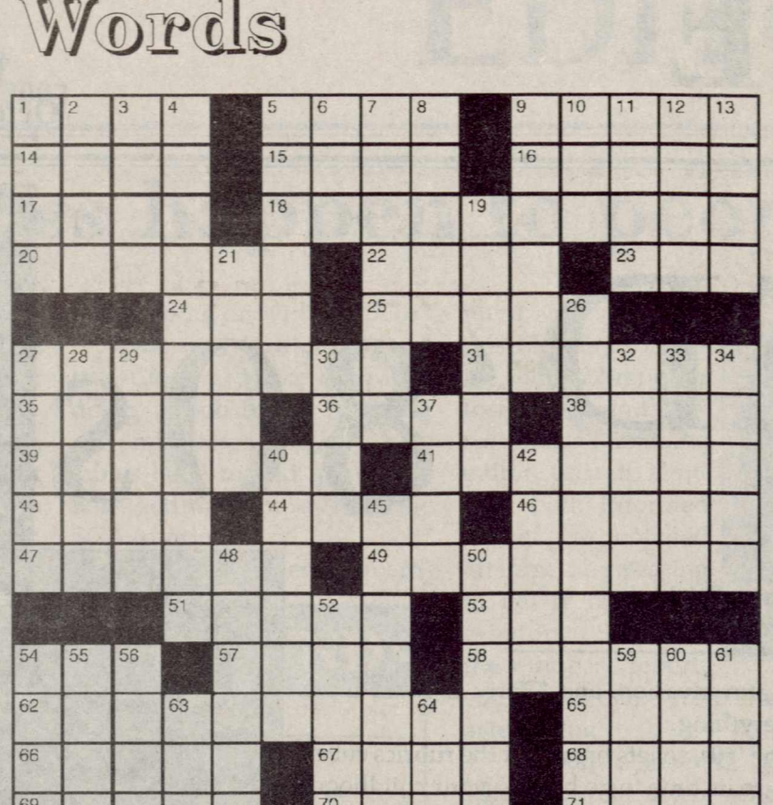

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2002 *Argus* ready for distribution

By Kyle Carter
Sauce Reporter

The *Argus* staff has released a 60-page collection of works for students which is available for free on the third floor of Kyser Hall.

It seems the art in this year's publication is getting more attention from students.

"I think the artists were really talented," Tera Westfall, freshmen physics major, said. "The only draw back to the art is that some feel there was not enough of it."

"I liked the art, but I wish there was more of it," Katie Durio, freshmen broadcast journalism major, said.

The writing, too, seemed to extract a noticeable enjoyment from students.

"I really enjoyed reading it," Joanna Johnson, sophomore English education major, said. "It was entertaining."

"I thought it was pretty nifty," Niaz Khadem, sophomore art major, said.

The CD also got a lot of acclaim from people.

"The CD was a really cool add on," Westfall said.

"It was good mood music for while you read the *Argus*," Durio said.

The *Argus* this year seems to have taken off with students. Those interviewed really liked what the magazine contained and enjoyed what they got from it.

If interested in reading this year's publication students can go to the third floor writing lab in Kyser across from the English department's offices.

"I thought it was pretty nifty."

-Niaz Khadmen
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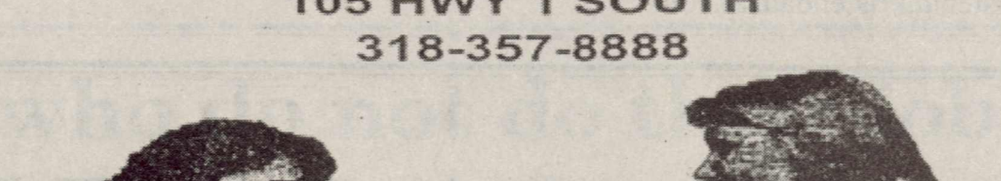

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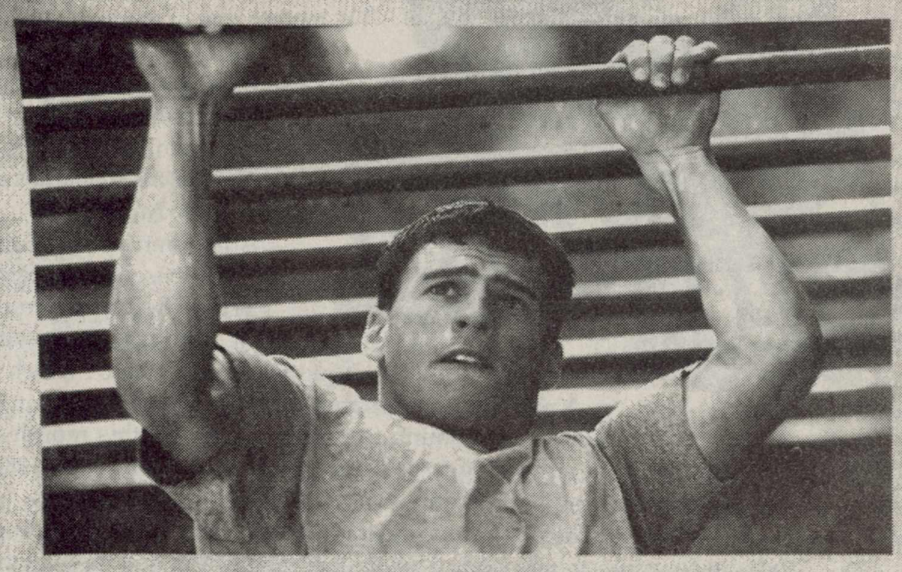

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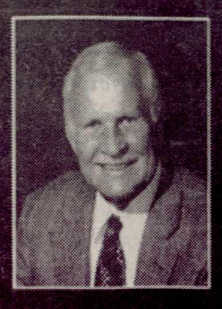

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SPORTS

NSU football gears up for SLC

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter

Demon Football enters this weekend looking to rebound from a loss to Georgia. Northwestern is ranked No. 9 in Division I-AA, with 4 out of the next 5 games at home.

The Demons' opponent this weekend in Turpin Stadium is the Elon Phoenix. NSU's only loss comes to the Furman Paladins, who are ranked No. 5 in Division I-AA. Comparatively, NSU lost 45-7 to the No. 7 team in the country, Georgia, while Elon lost 57-7 to the No. 5 team in Division I-AA.

Fox Sports Net will televise NSU's Southland Conference opener on Oct. 10, when NSU will play Southwest Texas in Turpin Stadium at 7 p.m.

Southland Conference play continues at No. 24 Nicholls St. on Oct. 24, Sam Houston in Turpin Stadium on Oct. 31, at Jacksonville St. on Nov. 9, No. 2 McNeese in Turpin Stadium on Nov. 16, and at Stephen F. Austin on Nov. 23 to close out the season.

"There is a sense of urgency knowing conference play is around the corner," Coach Scott Stoker said

The Demons will work hard to gear up for Conference play with games against non-Conference foes Elon and Southwest Oklahoma. Stoker also acknowledged that the No. 9 ranking "puts a big X on your back."

So how do the Demons' chances look this year in the Southland Conference?

"McNeese is the favorite. But we've got as good of a shot as anybody," Stoker said.

Having the next 4 out of 5 games at home isn't going to hurt the Demons' chances of being ready to storm the Southland Conference.

"If we keep the mistakes to a minimum, we'll be alright," Demon fan Jeff Bergeron said.

Indeed, the Demons arguably look as talented, if not more talented than any team in the Southland Conference.

The Demons' toughest opponent might just be themselves.

"The more you win, the more you have to win," said Stoker. Many expect Demon football to rise to new heights.

NSU's men's and women's cross country teams get fifth place at LSU Invitational Saturday

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

With the Fall SLC championships only one month away the Demon Cross Country team keeps pushing on.

Last Saturday the Demons traveled to Baton Rouge where they competed in two races at the LSU Cross Country Invitational.

"Both teams ran well and made good progress," men's cross country coach Leon Johnson said of the invitational.

Both Demon teams made their marks in fifth place. The men's team placed fifth in a tie with ULL with 130 points. The women's team took the spot with 154 points beating Nicholls State by 10.

Topping off the men was Jonah Chelimo who finished with a time of 26:10.39. Chelimo placed eighth in the men's 8,000-meter race and was NSU's only top ten runner of the day.

Kenyan Noah Murgor also ran finishing 20th overall despite feeling back tightness during the race.

Other runners scoring for the Demons were Chris Groome, Roy Ramirez, and Michael Hicks who finished 28th, 35th and 39th, respectively.

LSU took the win in the men's division with a score of 48 points. Following in second and third were McNeese with 57 points and Louisiana Tech with 75 points.

The women's team was led by freshman Abby Salomon. Salomon ran the women's 5,000-meter race in 23:10.39 and placed 14th overall.

Also placing within the top 50 were Linzie Ledford, Margeaux Fisher, Christy Stark, and Peggy Hill. Their placings also helped with the team's fifth place rank.

In the women's race Rice went home with first place and a score of 49 with LSU and UNO trailing behind in second and third.

One thing to help in the weeks to come is the addition of four new runners on both the men and women's teams.

"It all depends on how quickly our freshmen mature and step up against the competition," Johnson said of the Demons' performance next week.

The Demons will be at it again in the coming weeks as they host the NSU Invitational on Monday. Attending this invitational will be schools including ULM, Nicholls State, and Stephen F. Austin.

"Stephen F. Austin will be the best team out there so we will have to work on our progress and train hard to make a top three finish," Johnson said.

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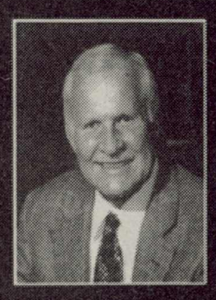

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NSU's track repairs halted

By Drew Shirley
Sauce Reporter

Little headway has been made in efforts to repair and re-open the Walter Ledet track facility.

The outdoor track, which was deemed unsafe for competition due to mass deterioration of the asphalt base and bubbling of its rubber surface, has been closed to both athletes and the public since the beginning months of 2002.

Leon Johnson, head coach of the men's track team, said that while the university is helping to raise funds, no work can be started on the track until all the costs for repairs are met.

"Repairs can't be started until all the money is raised," Johnson said.

Efforts earlier in the year, including petitioning the Louisiana Education Systems State Board to seek funding and looking at insurance for possible money, yielded no results and the facility remains closed.

This situation has been problematic in that it has prevented any potential start date for work on the track from being announced.

"I wish we had a target date for the project to begin," Johnson said.

The closing of the track has also caused other difficulties for NSU's Track Teams.

Due to the state of the facility, Northwestern has been forced to cancel its home meets for the coming season. Students will not be able to support track athletes at home.

"The seniors are all disappointed that they won't be able to run at home this year," said Johnson. However, Johnson also added that he saw no problem with morale at the present time.

Another negative aspect of the track being closed has been its effect on the school recruiting new athletes for the track program.

"Students are being told that they won't have a track to run on.", said Johnson.

Greg Burke, athletic director for Northwestern, said that while the repairs are costly, the university is trying to secure funds by exploring avenues trough state and local levels, as well as fundraising.

"We're trying to pool money from several sources", Burke said. "When you're talking about $750,000 it's hard to nickel and dime that kind of money."

Burke also echoed the sentiment that the track repairs can't happen soon enough.

"My biggest concern is the track. Nearly 50 percent of our sports are impacted by not having a track.," said Burke.

Despite the obvious drawbacks of both the financial situation and not having a home track to run on, Johnson remains optimistic about the prospects of his athletes in competition.

"I don't anticipate that performance will be effected at all.," said Johnson.

Photo by Rob Morgan
Walter Ledet track closed at the beginning of 2002 because of the ill effects of asphalt deterioration and bubbling of its rubber surface.

Photo by Rob Morgan
Closed to both athletes and the public, repairs cannot begin on the track until the University raises sufficient funds. Northwestern cancelled all home meets, and the recruitment of new athletes has been crippled.

McNeese stops Lady Demons five game winning streak

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Every dog has its day. Unfortunately for the NSU Lady Demon soccer team so do Cowgirls.

The winless McNeese State (1-9-0 overall, 1-3-0 in Southland Conference) edged out the Lady Demons (6-4-1 overall, 2-1-0 SLC) in a 2-1 double-overtime victory Monday afternoon in Lake Charles, La.

The Cowgirls owe their shocking victory to Cowgirl Helen Kibby who smuggled both of MSU's goals past sophomore Lady Demon goalkeeper Nellie Latolais.

Despite the loss, NSU remains atop the Southland Conference in a three-way conference tie with rival Stephen F. Austin and Southwest Texas.

The heartbreaking defeat to lackluster McNeese State ended a five-game winning streak that saw the Lady Demons undefeated in Southland Conference action.

That win streak culminated in Nacogdoches, Tx. where the Lady Demons decimated Chief Caddo's overzealous stepparent SFA.

NSU wasted no time in unleashing the fury on the Ladyjacks, as standout sophomore Lady Demon midfielder Bryndie Maag scored one of her two goals a mere six minutes into the first half.

Freshman Raquel Flores teamed up with sophomore Brittany Hung who assisted Flores with a goal 11 minutes into the second half.

Thirty-nine seconds later Maag pitched in with a goal of her own giving the Lady Demons a 3-0 lead.

Freshman Heather Pennico finalized NSU's victory with an unassisted goal in the closing minutes of the second half.

In individual news, Latolais earned Southland Conference goalkeeper of the week honors with a legal drinking age worth of saves against SFA.

On the offensive side of things, Freshman Stephanie Miller earned offensive player of the week awards for her game-winning goal against ULM last Friday.

Latolais, Miller, Hung, Flores, and the rest of the girls gone wild (on soccer) will look to rebound from their loss to McNeese when the Lady Demons play their first home field conference game of the season against Southeastern Louisiana (5-2-1 overall, and1-0-0 in SLC) Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Lady Demons will begin their week of sweaty and scintillating SLC soccer action against Nicholls State (2-5-1 over all, 0-1-0 in SLC) Monday at 4 p.m.

Correction

In the Sept. 26 edition of the Current Sauce the Northwestern game was said to start at 7 p.m. The game against Elon will begin at 4 p.m.

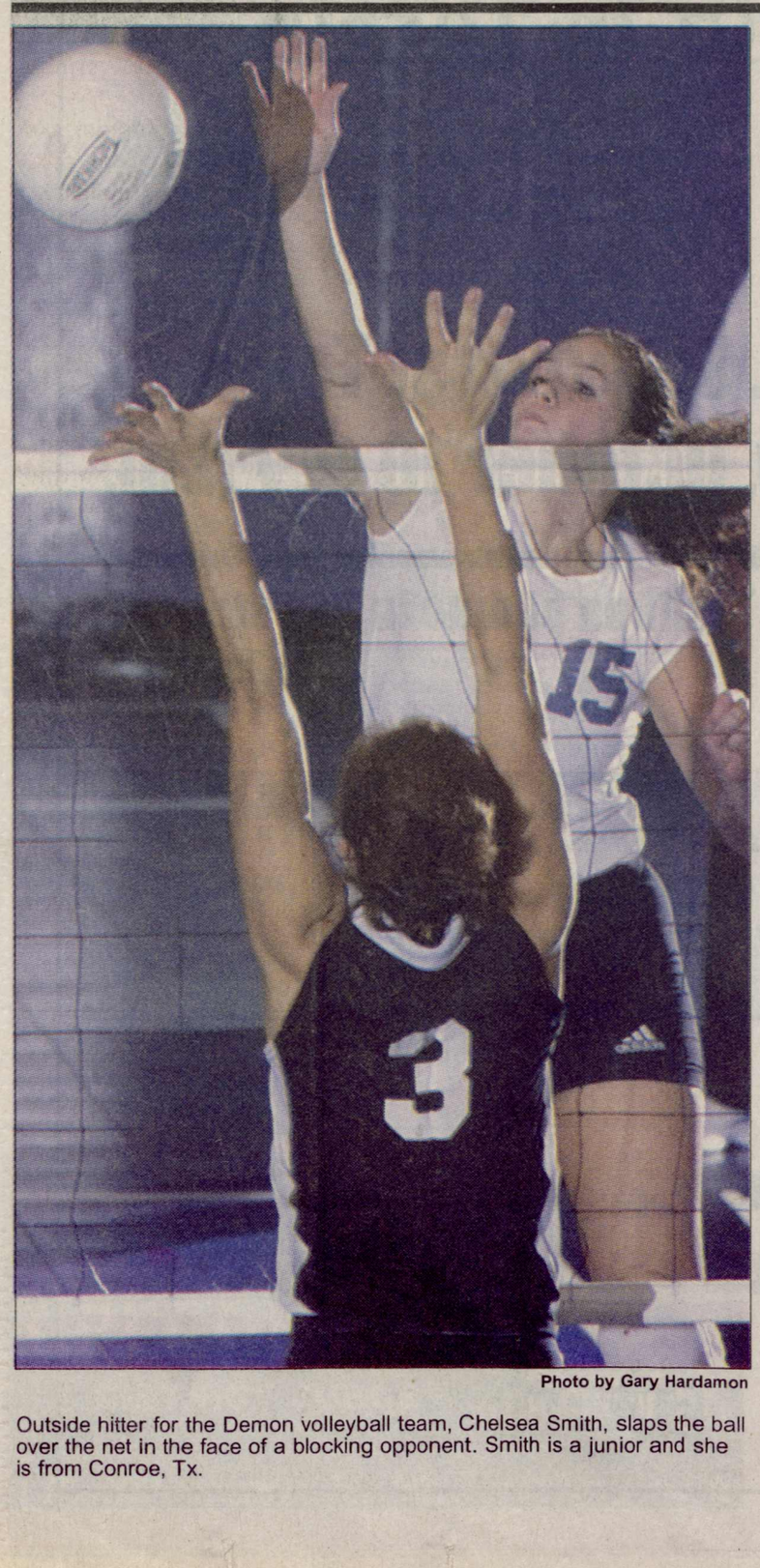

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Outside hitter for the Demon volleyball team, Chelsea Smith, slaps the ball over the net in the face of a blocking opponent. Smith is a junior and she is from Conroe, Tx.

Nicholls, SLU beat out Lady Demons, road trips on the horizon for possible redemption

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor-in Chief

The Lady Demon spikers dropped two Southland Conference matches this weekend losing to both Nicholls State and Southeastern.

The Lady Demons were unable to hold off the Lady Colonels' (2-3 in the SLC) offensive attack last Friday losing in three straight games 10-30, 20-30 and 28-30.

Nicholls State's Kui Fletcher nailed down a .379 hitting percentage and planted 17 kills.

Freshman Flavia Belo's 19 assists and Christina Stone's 11 kills were not enough as the Lady Demons took their second SLC loss.

On Saturday the Lady Demons returned to the tiles to attempt to redeem themselves from Friday's loss.

However, the Lady Demons were unsuccessful as the SLU Lady Lions (3-1 in the SLC) rolled over the Lady Demons in five games.

The Lady Demons held an 8-5 lead going into the fifth game, but were unable to stop the SLU's offense losing the final game 12-15.

This was NSU's second straight loss and SLU's second straight win. The Lady Demons are 0-2 when they play five game matches.

Evelyn Getzen led NSU with 19 kills and 30 digs, while Becky David had 18 kills and 19 digs. Stone also checked in with 14 kills and 21 digs, while Belo contributed 56 assists.

All this offense was still not enough. SLU had five players with 11 or more kills. The Lady Lions out blocked the Lady Demons 14-8.

There are some bright spots to come from the weekend.

Belo has found herself in the top 10 in assists in the SLC with almost 10 per game, while Stone sits in the top 10 in kills with almost four kills per game.

As a team the Lady Demons have moved to third in the conference in service aces. The two weekend losses moved the Lady Demons to an overall record of 9-11 and 2-3 in the SLC.

However, the Lady Demons are dead last in the SLC in blocks with 1.24 per game.

The Lady Demons will hit the road beginning on Saturday at Lamar (3-1 in the SLC) and McNeese (4-1 in the SLC) on Sunday.

They will end their five-match road tour next Thursday in Shreveport, La. when they will face Centenary.

The Lady Demons are 2-4 when they are away from Prather Coliseum, but they hold a 6-2 home record.

They will try and forget their road record when they face MSU and Lamar, which are ranked no. 2 and no. 3 in the SLC respectively.

Demon Volleyball Schedule

October

5	Lamar**	4 p.m.
6	McNeese State	TBA
8	Centenary	7 p.m.
11	Tx.-San Antonio*	7 p.m.
12	SW Texas State*	2 p.m.
18	Texas Arlington*	7 p.m.
22	La.-Monroe*	7 p.m.
25	SFA*	7 p.m.
26	Sam Houston*	2 p.m

November

1	Nicholls State*	7 p.m.
2	SE. Louisiana* (HC)	7 p.m.
8	McNeese State*	7 p.m.
9	Lamar*	4 p.m.
12	Texas-Arlington*	7 p.m.
15	SW Texas*	7 p.m.
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SGA appoints justice

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

The SGA senate approved *Current Sauce* copy editor Kristin Huben for a vacant seat on the Student Supreme Court, voted to keep two senators that were up for removal, and shot down a bill to pull student representation from the Media Board at Monday's meeting.

SGA president Stacie Cosby said Brian Jarreau and Amanda Breaux, whom she appointed to open senator-at-large seats and were challenged through the SGA constitution last week, would retain the responsibilities they were sworn to fulfill at the senate's Sept. 30 meeting.

Huben

Breaux

Jarreau

New senators Chris Johnson and Timberly Deville were also sworn in at the meeting, bringing the total number of senators to 25.

SGA adviser Carl Henry, in his report to the senate, said senators should focus more on legislation.

"The whole point of being on SGA is that you are the liai-

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Journalism, IET prepare accreditation

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter

Accreditation agents are slated to come to NSU as the journalism and industrial engineering technology (IET) departments prepare for their accreditations.

The journalism department, headed by Steve Horton, and IET, headed by Thomas Hall, are just two of the departments being accredited. In November, a review team will come to the school and give each of these departments a run-down determining whether either meets the standards for national accreditation.

"You try to prove compli-

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1,600 flee Lili to NSU

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

As Hurricane Lili came ashore last week, the P.E. Majors building was opened up as storm shelter to accommodate the flood of refugees.

Cathy Little of the American Red Cross helped organize the shelter that quickly reached its capacity of 1,600 people.

"They have come up here because this is the first shelter outside of Alexandria that they could stop at," Little said.

The refugees were provided with three hot meals a day but, due to the lack of cots, had to sleep on the gym's floor.

Two off-duty servicemen came down from Shreveport to help the shelter any way they could.

Airman 1st Class Andrew Gurrell said that he heard the Red Cross "was really hurting for volunteers down at Northwestern."

A similar message was broadcast over local radio stations and the shortage was quickly solved as many NSU students arrived offering food, blankets and their time.

Dymphna Davis of Delta Sigma Theta sorority said when the call went out over the radio that everyone in her sorority was contacted and asked volunteer.

"We didn't know how many people were actually going to come and help," Davis said.

To ensure that there was always someone at the shelter, the National Pan-Hellenic Council organized shifts for their member sororities and fraternities.

Angela McKinney, vice president of Sigma Gamma Rho, said, "It's a critical time and a critical moment and everyone needs someone right now."

Almost every sorority was represented at the shelter. Much of their time was spent on making people comfortable and entertaining the children.

Daniel Wilhelm of Alpha Sigma Alpha said she was spending most her time their preparing juice and coffee and handing out treats to the children.

Photo by Glenn Ward

Emergency workers escort a disabled man through the P.E. Majors building Thursday evening as a displaced family looks on. By Friday afternoon, most families had left the shelter to return home.

Many non-Greek students also showed up to help. Blaire Pourciau, Kristy Lane and Nichole Grooms of The Foundation arrived at the shelter at midnight on Oct. 2 to aid in registration.

They stayed until 4 a.m. and returned at 2 p.m. the next day to see if they could do anything else.

"We just wanted to help them out because they can't do anything but be stuck in this building," Lane said.

The volunteers' efforts made the trying experience of a hurricane shelter a little less frightening and they are worthy of the thanks of a grateful community.

Photo by Glenn Ward

Desks sit piled in a West Caspari storage room on Wednesday.

University struggles with Maintenance

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

More than 2,000 students live in NSU's seven residence halls, which are all more than 30 years old.

Sabine, built in 1966, is the newest. Varnado and East Caspari alone have seen over six decades of continuous use.

Keeping the halls in optimum condition is a daunting and never-ending task. Despite the best efforts of the maintenance staff, problems still arise on a daily basis.

One of the problems Varnado residents are dealing with this semester is faulty phone lines.

"Today was 21 days (without a phone), it wasn't the first time it went out either," senior journalism major Heidi McDonald said. "We weren't able to take calls or dial out."

McDonald has no cellular phone and was unable to get in touch with her family because they work nights, but some desk workers allowed her to place short phone calls to friends.

Tracy Brown, director of information systems, said that the phone problems are the responsibility of telecom provider BellSouth Corporation.

BellSouth installed copper phone cables over 30 years ago, and the cable is still property of the phone company.

"We've had a rash of problems because of age," Brown said. BellSouth may own the cable in ground, but it makes no revenue, so the phone company has not preformed preventative maintenance.

"The cables have been cut and repaired, but this

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Spencer + Stokes = Mr. & Miss NSU

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

This year, Quincy Spencer and Laci Stokes share three honorary titles at NSU. Most recently, they were elected as Mr. and Miss NSU.

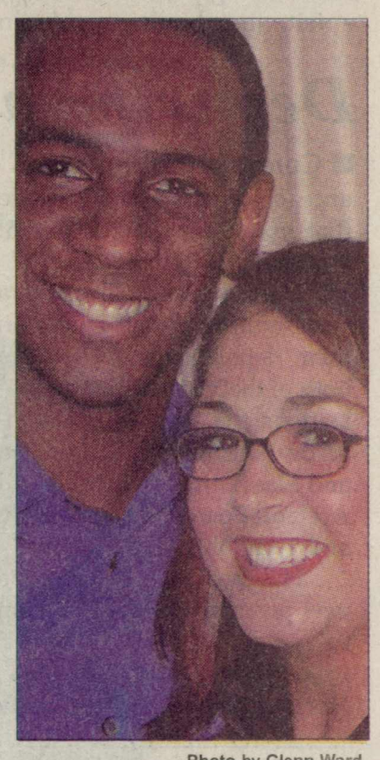
The pair also were elected King and Queen of the Homecoming Honor Court and Greek Man and Woman of the Year. They are deeply involved in the Student Activities Board, with Spencer serving as Student Activities Board president and Stokes as board vice president.

Spencer and Stokes spend hours together every day, working through shared classes, greek activities, and campus organizations that they are involved in.

Spencer and Stokes were involved in run-offs before being elected as Mr. and Miss NSU.

"Election stuff makes me really nervous," Stokes said. "My mom gets so much more excited about things than I do."

"When I called my mom to tell her I got Homecoming Queen and Miss NSU," Stokes said, "she was like, 'Wait, so you didn't get on the Court?'. I had to explain to her that the Queen was on the Court, and then she freaked out."



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Mr. NSU Quincy Spencer and Miss NSU Laci Stokes pose.

The day election results were posted, neither Spencer nor Stokes wanted to know the outcome right away.

"I was upstairs watching the new Freshman Connection video with Ms. Joy," Spencer said. "I knew the results would be posted outside the door and I didn't want to look. I made her go out there and check for me."

"I was in the Union until

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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allows water to get in and erode cable count," Brown said. Cable count is how many phone lines the cable can support. When the cable is compromised it may lose some phone lines or the signal may not be as strong.

To combat this problem, NSU has proposed installing fiber remotes across campus. All of the phone lines in a building would feed into one box and then travel over fiber optic cables to St. Denis.

"The reliability is much better than copper cable for each line because you are using light," Brown said.

Another frequent problem that residents face is leaking air conditioners, and this semester has been no exception.

Most leaks from air conditioners come from a break in the water lines.

Sophomore criminal justice major and Rapides resident John Opphile's air conditioner broke and then drained on his bed.

"It started leaking all over the place," Opphile said. After notifying housing, the problem was fixed the next day.

Junior anthropology major Levi Eldridge and his roommate had an unexpected air conditioner leak in their Caspari dorm room Friday.

"We had about $5,000 worth of electronics on this table," Eldridge said. "We went to class, and when we came back the AC was leaking on it."

Eldridge said that maintenance workers came out to fix the air conditioner, but they had not stopped the leak as of Wednesday evening.

When buildings are switched from one cooling loop to another, sometimes air will become trapped in the pipes. Partly due to the trapped air, the third floors of Boozman and Russell Halls are often not as cool as the lower floors.

"The air will get trapped . . . and block the cool water from entering the unit," University utility department worker Ambrose Airhart said.

By forcing more water into the system Airhart said he can expel the air from the pipes and make the air conditioners functional.

Caspari residents were also welcomed back to school without keys to their rooms.

Over the summer all of the dorm keys were stolen; consequently, the whole residence hall had to be re-keyed.

Freshman business major Raynell Wickware did not have a lock on his door when he moved into Caspari.

"They didn't put the lock on there right so it still didn't work... It was almost a month before I got a lock on my door," Wickware said.

University locksmith Juddy Hamous is also responsible for the upkeep of the residence halls. Hamous said the housing department tried to find the missing keys before changing all of the locks, which was a time-consuming and expensive task.

When the decision was made to re-key Caspari, Hamous did not have enough equipment in inventory to change all 28 rooms at once.

By the middle of the second week of classes, all doors could be locked from the outside.

University Detective Doug Prescott said there were no reports of theft in Caspari.

Hamous said that he hopes the University will move towards electronic locks.

Hamous said that the computer labs have already switched to electronic locks and their use has cut theft in half.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Student Activities Board

Join an SAB committee! For more information come to Room 214 of the Student Union.

The IM Fun Run will be in front of the Student Union this year instead of the IM due to upcoming renovations.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Comfort Pratt in Room 314E or call at 357-5590.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club is holding an emergency meeting on Monday in Bienvenu Hall Room 305. All members, old and new, must attend. The next regular meeting will be on Oct. 21.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Homecoming King, Queen win Mr. and Miss NSU

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just before they posted the results," Stokes said. "I finally just had to leave. When I got the call, I was in Wal-Mart. I was on my cell phone and I couldn't hear anything. I was screaming into my phone, saying 'What? I can't hear you. Hello?'"

As Mr. and Miss NSU, Spencer and Stokes have several responsibilities. They will speak at several luncheons with President Webb, and will deliver the invocation and benediction at their graduation ceremony in May.

"One of the things I feel most strongly about is school spirit, just having pride in your school," Spencer said. "Students should take advantage of all aspects of Northwestern. Don't just go to football games- go to softball games, basketball games, whatever."

"Some of us don't realize that college is a luxury," Stokes said. "Not everyone has the opportunity to attend."

University President Randall Webb will present Spencer and Stokes as Mr. and Miss NSU at halftime of the last home football game. The game is scheduled for Nov. 16

Currently, Spencer and Stokes are keeping busy with SAB, planning for Homecoming Week and preparing for mid-terms.

"We have to do 10 office hours a week for SAB," Spencer said. "There are Monday and Wednesday meetings, as well as the executive meetings on Friday afternoons. I also have to be available in my office, because that's part of my job as SAB president."

"Quincy and I have gotten way too comfortable with each other the past few years," Stokes said. "We spend a lot of time at school. The Union is where we live at, it's gotten to be a bit of a comfort zone."

"I couldn't tell you what my schedule is without looking at my planner," Stokes said. "If I didn't have it with me, I'd forget to go to class."

Stokes said she wasn't very involved in student activities in high school, but she is making up for it now.

"On the days that I end up at home with nothing to do, I panic," Stokes said. "I just know that I've forgotten to do something or I'm supposed to be somewhere."

To relax, Spencer and Stokes said they mostly just want to go home.

"I don't know if Quincy has ever really relaxed," Stokes said. "If I could go anywhere for a day to get some relaxation, I'd go to Monaco."

Argus staller stopped by senate

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son between students and administrators," Henry said. "If you come in here for an hour and sit on your bahonkas and do nothing but complain about the constitution, you are not serving the students."

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> **Carl Henry**
> SGA adviser

Huben, whose court appointment was also unsuccessfully voted on at the Sept. 30 meeting, this time passed a qualified senate 18-3.

While discussing Huben's appointment before the vote, Floyd reiterated his belief from last week that someone with senate experience should fill the court position.

"We need a former senator that knows the senate backwards and forwards," Floyd said, recommending *Sauce* reporter and former senator Beau Boudreaux, "like him or hate him."

Freshman class senator Chris Johnson said senate experience was not only unnecessary, but possibly irrelevant in Huben's case.

"Sometimes it takes someone from the outside to get things done," Johnson said.

A Floyd-authored bill to recall or nullify student representation for today's Media Board meeting failed 5-18.

The bill, which would have stood in effect for two weeks, sought to prevent the board from decisively voting on an editor for *Argus*, the university's embattled student art annual.

"The entire construction of the bill is just flawed," Manguno said during debate over the bill. "It's asking us to not do our job, it's shooting ourselves in the foot."

Hutchinson said the bill only wanted to give the SGA more time to consider its options.

"It's just more time, two more weeks to discuss," Hutchinson said.

Central to the debate was a student petition to cancel student funding for *Argus* that Floyd cited in his bill.

Floyd said he had seen it going around and had signed it himself, but did not know who was in charge of it or how many students has signed it.

Also key was a part of the bill that requested that any student representatives that are present at the board meeting refuse to vote.

Cosby warned that the bill would not postpone *Argus*, but only take the students out of the nomination debate.

"The University can override us because... the fees have already been collected," Cosby said. "The Board of Supervisors will override us and can do this."

The board is scheduled to meet this afternoon at 3:30. At least four candidates will vie for the board's nomination.

The board's decision is not final as the nominee must still pass the senate. The senate voted against approving Erath at the end of the spring semester, delaying work on *Argus* through the summer.

Meetings for the board have been delayed for the last two weeks, first to wait for the SGA to determine whom they appointed as student representatives, then on account of hurricane Lili.

Also during the meeting senators Corey Markham and Adam Allen were up for removal from the senate for missing meetings or office hours.

The senate decided to keep both Allen and Markham.

Allen said he made up office hours missed due to hectic first weeks of school but didn't properly record them.

Markham said a new job and a busy school schedule kept him from filling his office hours.

Jensen nonetheless blasted truant senators at the end of the meeting.

"If you're not going to make meetings, you don't belong here," Jensen said. "If you're not going to vote or write legislation, you don't belong here."

Departments prepare for accreditation process

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ance, or you are trying to prove that you do what they want you too," Horton said.

Horton and Hall spent a year writing a self-study on their departments to give to both of their accrediting organizations, the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass communications and Accredit Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Hall has been preparing a new program for accreditation so his department has added new courses and labs; while, Horton has been getting ready for his second time going through accreditation trying to reaffirm his already accredited department.

"We wrote a report on evidence of compliance to the twelve standards," Horton said.

Both Horton and Hall have to prove to their accreditation sponsors that they fit a list of rather general standards including students, curriculum, faculty, equipment, and school support that all act in helping to determine eligibility for accreditation.

"We do a self study and ABET has a team that reviews the study. ABET forms some questions from the study and visit," Hall said.

Using the self-study, the organization's team forms ideas on how to evaluate certain portions of the department.

"After that is a series of positive or negative reports that we respond to," Hall said

Finally Horton and Hall will spend time working with the team to understand what their departments did or did not do. The school then receives its level of accreditation, which is done every six years.

Students seem to be happy about their organizations, yet teachers in the departments are skeptical about being accredited.

"I don't want to say confident because it is too strong. I am pleased with students and faculty from the past few years to be certain that we are not bad off," Horton said.

"I feel we will be successful," Hall said," to be honest, if I didn't think we could do it I would not have asked them to come."

SGA Minutes 10-07-02

Call to Order - 7:05 p.m.

The prayer was lead by Scott Manguno.
The pledge was lead by Dustin Floyd.

Roll Call

Present
Adam Allen
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brossett
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Andy Dye
Timberly Deville
Dustin Floyd
Tometrius Greer
Chris Henry
Liz Hughes
Luke Hutchinson
Brian Jarreau
Jennifer Jensen
Chris Johnson
Scott Manguno
Cory Markham
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Taylor Morgan
Casey Ponder
Adam Stoll
Cade Strong
Ryan Terry
Liz Webb

Absent
Timmy Watts
Linzie Ledford

Executive Reports

Treasurer - Dustin Mathews
The budget is out, if you have any questions, please see me. I would like to recommend Cade Strong to take over Club Sports.

Vice President - Jennifer Jenson
Make sure you complete three (3) office hours a week. Department heads need to give me a report on their meeting every week. If you are going to be absent for something, you need to hand in an excuse. You have two days before and after the event to get it excused. Two people are on Academic Evaluation, and two people are up for removal. We need to start getting our job done.

President - Stacie Cosby
Council of Student Body Presidents met last week in New Orleans, we had a positive and informative meeting. Also, to clarify from last week, Amanda Breaux and Brian Jarreau are senators. Please work with Cade on Homecoming, it is approaching quick. Media Board will meet this Thursday at 3:30 to discuss the Argus Editor. Two positions are open for the Media Board. I will bring those nominations to you next week.

Departmental Reports
Academic Affairs - Mindy McConell

No report. Scantron giveaway is going well.

External Affairs - Cade Strong
We need to make signs for Homecoming. We will have a meeting Tuesday at 4:00.

Fiscal Affairs - Dustin Mathews
Meetings will be at 6:00 on Mondays.

Internal Affairs - Greg Comeaux
Constitutions are in, please sign for them. In our meeting we talked about convening the Supreme Court. You need to make sure you sign up for two committees. The New Senator Workshop will be Friday at 2:00.

Student Affairs - Luke Hutchinson
Meetings will be Wednesdays at 2:00. Tuesday the 11th, there will be a Homecoming reception in the Ballroom at 7:00. Traffic Appeals will meet at 2:00 Oct. 14th. Traffic and Parking will meet at 2:00 on October 15th.

SAB Report - Ryan Terry
SAB has been working really hard on their posters, please go to some of their events if possible. We will be hanging up posters at 8:00 on Sunday, if you can help. Fall Fest and Campus Trends are coming up

Advisor's Report - Mr. Henry
The IM bids are due October 15th. Things are moving along now. The senators need to start writing more legislation. You need to have a minimum of two pieces this semester, but we would like more. Go out and find out what the students problems are, and let's get something done.

Supreme Court Report - Supreme Court Justice
As soon as we convene the court, I will report back.

Old Business

Adam Allen is up for removal. He keeps his senate seat by role call vote1-19-0. Cory - Markham is up for removal. By a role call vote, he keeps his seat 2-18-0.

The new senators were sworn in. Chris Johnson, and Timberly Deville, both took their Oath of Office. Kristen has been nominated for the Supreme Court position, she accepts the nomination and is elected to the Supreme Court by role call vote 18-3-2. Congratulations Kristen.

V. New Business

The bill FA02-005 which was previously tabled is given emergency status. Scott Manguno moves to postpone the bill, Amanda Breaux seconds the motion. The motion fails by role call vote 6-15-2. The bill is now open for discussion. Luke Hutchinson moves to approve Bill FA02-005, Dustin Floyd seconds. The bill fails by role call vote 5-18-0.

Bill FA02-007 Dealing with Organizational Grants Bill, is on emergency status. Scott Manguno moves to approve the bill, Adam Stoll seconds it. The motion passes by role call vote 23-0-0.

VI. Announcements

New Senator Workshop will be Friday at 2:00.Do your office hours. You need three (3). You need to take office hours seriously. Please keep the office clean, and pick up after yourselves. Also, you have to be in two committees. Sign up for these ASAP. This is mandatory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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FEATURES

Fraternity rush or something like it

Part III ——→ And then there were three

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Andrew David is a senior reporter for the Current Sauce. David went through formal fraternity rush earlier this fall to get a firsthand look at what rush participants must endure to earn a bid from one of NSU's seven fraternities, which make up the University's Interfraternity Council.

This article is a third installment of an ongoing series in which David has given his opinions and observations of the rush events and his interaction with each fraternity.

This installment describes the third and fourth days of rush.

The views expressed in this article do not reflect those of the Current Sauce or its staff.

On the third day of rush, the time had come for me to choose three specific frats to spend time with. I assessed what I had gathered from two nights and made my top three picks: Theta Chi, Pi Kappa Phi, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

I stopped by the Pi Kappa Phi's house first and took a seat on the couch to watch NASCAR (or as I prefer to call it rednecks driving real fast) with a few of the guys in the living room.

I admired the style of Pi Kappa Phi. I have always been a fan of blue and yellow. But wearing sunglasses turned backwards on your head, can anyone please tell me what's going on there? And there was the pseudo modesty of 'we know we're better than you are, but we're also too nice to admit it.' What can I say, I'm a closet elitist.

Their professionalism was a plus too. Pi Kappa Phi wasn't just about having a good time and meeting people for four years, this was about job connections and networking. I started to ask if I should have brought a stock portfolio, but changed my mind thinking maybe investment discussions were reserved for the bid party.

Although I liked Pi Kappa Phi I got the feeling they didn't like me, considering I had to look up *portfolio* in the dictionary just to write this article; I can't blame them.

This didn't stop me, however, from eating one of their well prepared hamburgers before I made my way to the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

I went in with the impression Tau Kappa Epsilon was a place for anyone who's laid back and looking to have a good time. They did not disappoint. I made small talk by the sand volleyball court, listened to a hilarious conversation about the sexual exploits of a brother's mom and took in the scenery one might find stuck in the middle of three sorority houses.

I liked Tau Kappa Epsilon, but where I found Pi Kappa Phi leaning too far towards a clean-cut image, I found Tau Kappa Epsilon to be just the opposite- good guys, but not for me.

I then journeyed to Rue Demeziere to spend time with Theta Chi. In Theta Chi I found balance in the appearance, background, interests and overall style of its members. I also found a great meal of sliced ham and baked beans.

Just like at the other houses I grabbed a bite to eat, sat down on the couch and talked with whomever came my way. I am not a proactive social participant. This would come back to haunt me on bid day.

I looked around the room to see how the other rushees were holding up. They looked a little unsure-not necessarily unconfident, just unsure. When you have less than 36 hours to prove yourself to a group of strangers you can feel a little rushed. I always liked a good pun.

Everyone relaxed though when someone 'accidentally' changed the TV station over to porn.

If my 19 years on this earth have taught me anything it is nothing, and I do mean nothing, brings people together like porn. Okay, maybe national tragedies, wars, economic hardships or common spiritual beliefs, but outside of that porn is definitely the way to go.

After the bean eating and porn watching had subsided, I grabbed my directions to Theta Chi's ski party, which was held the next afternoon. I returned home with one reoccurring thought: I have absolutely no idea how to ski.

The next afternoon I attempted to navigate the handwritten map to Fish Hatchery Road.

I started to wonder if I would need an Indian guide or a spirit animal to find the place because the road just kept going and going and going and then—-it stopped. Go figure.

I breathed a sigh of relief when I learned there would be no actual skiing at the ski party, but rather a boat and Jet Ski ridding, as well as a slip and slide. I had never ridden a Jet Ski before and the idea of getting to excited me.

Unfortunately, one the Theta Chis thought wrecking the Jet Ski was an even more exciting idea and illustrated this by, you guessed it, wrecking the Jet Ski.

Now I understand how the Titanic wrecked, and being a veteran of three automobile accidents I'm familiar with how those happen. But how do you wreck a Jet Ski? There hasn't been ice in Cane River since the Ice Age and it's not like a Buick cut him off racing for the dock. I guess that's one of those God works in mysterious ways type of things.

Since the Jet Ski was out of action we awaited the arrival of the boat by 'kicking back' on the porch.

An amusing conversation on the validity of Vanilla Coke, why girls act the way they do, what to do to girls when they act the way they do and people's personal reasons for joining a fraternity helped us pass the time until the 'S.S. Theta Chi' arrived.

I spent the rest of my time swimming or floating, depending on your definition, and watching the brothers of Theta Chi tempt fate on the slip and slide (or as I preferred to call it 'a portable shampoo covered life insurance claim').

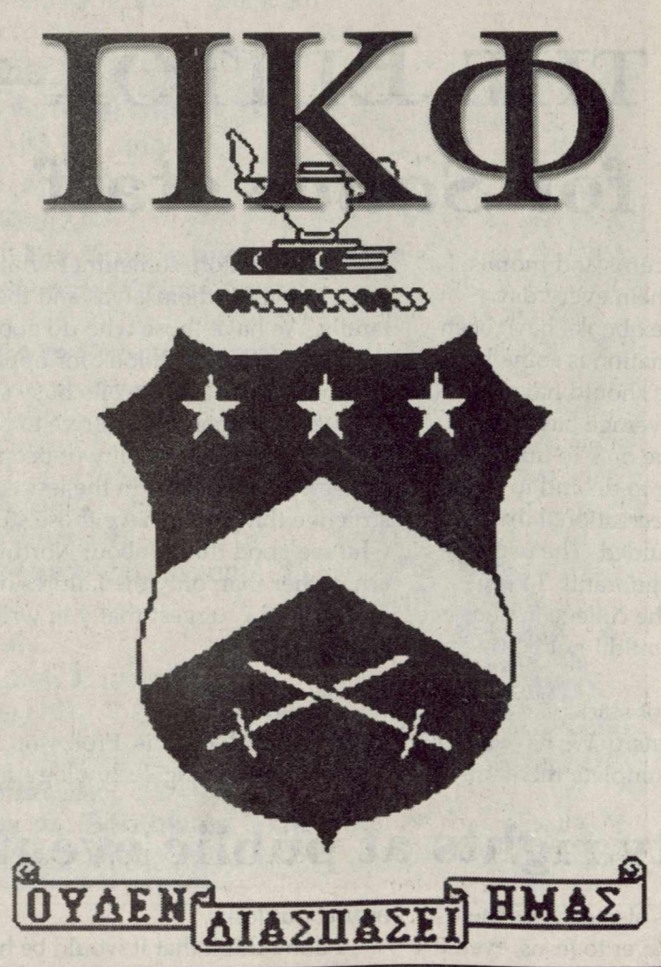
Some of the guys took the boat out for a spin, dragging volunteers around in inner tubes. I didn't ask to go because there was a waiting list and I didn't want them to let me go in front of somebody else simply because I was rushing.

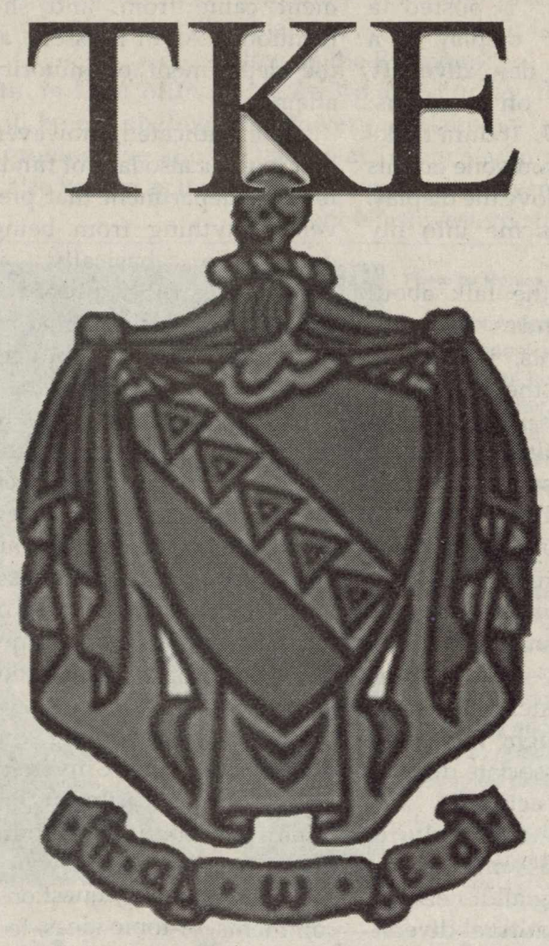
Incidents like this happened very often during the week. Whenever there was a line for something they always let a rushee go before a brother. Or if there was only one soda left the rushee always got it. I guess it was supposed to be courteous, but to me it came off as forced.

After about two hours at the river I decided to go home. Bids were going to go out the next day and once again I was fixated on one thought, only this time it was a little more serious than my lack of skiing knowledge.

The next day was bid day and in a matter of three days I had gone from being completely indifferent to the fraternities to honestly wanting a bid. It was like staying awake at night on Christmas Eve thinking about all the presents you might get the next morning, except I wasn't going to get any presents and it was in the middle of September.

Okay, so it was nothing like staying awake on Christmas Eve.





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Police Department

High crimes at NSU

On **Oct. 4 at 10:53 a.m.** University officers responded to a complaint at the University Columns, apartment No. 428. Larry Jackson Jr. was banned from the University Columns.

At **7:15 p.m.** Crystal Wallace went into premature labor and was escorted from Le Rendezvous to married housing.

On **Oct. 5** Katie Durio, of apartment No. 827 in the University Columns, complained of unwanted visitors lurking outside her door at 3:32 a.m.

On **Oct. 8** University Police received a call from the alarm company for the National Center of Preservation Technology and Training to inform them that the alarm was going off in the first floor elevator of the center. All doors were secure and no one seemed to be in the building. The incident was logged.

EDITORIALS

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Benefits of having University sniper

Late last week as I sat in the journalism lab, CNN broke a story of a crazed gunman on the streets of Montgomery County in Maryland shooting people. The crazed gunman was later upgraded to sniper status. As of this morning the sniper had shot and killed seven people and wounded two others.

As sick as this may sound, it would be beneficial for Northwestern State University to have a sniper on campus. Honestly it would. Of course for there to be benefits, the sniper would have to play by certain rules-I am not counting death as a benefit. So maybe the sniper shouldn't have a real gun and maybe he should only be allowed to pick people off between classes. Now that we have established those rules think of all of the benefits.

Parking would no longer be a problem. All of the parking lots around University buildings would open up. Honestly, who would park next to a tall building only to be blasted by a sniper's projectile? Students would no longer drive slowly around campus with their windows down playing loud, class-disrupting music. Campus traffic would be great. **Sniper's victim count: about 45 victims.**

Campus crime would also go on the decline. Picture this: you are a burglar and you really want the radio mounted in the dashboard of the sweet Jeep Cherokee parked next to the Student Union. After you quietly break the car's window, unlock the door and pull the radio out of the dashboard you make your getaway. Rounding the corner of Kyser Hall headed for the construction site at the Family and Consumer Science building, your legs are taken out from under by a single round projected from the snipers gun. Who needs the University Police on campus when we have a crime-fighting sniper? **Sniper's victim count: three victims per week.**

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

Sometimes it is hard to get into buildings around campus with all of those people standing around the doors. Sometimes it would be nice to just walk into Vic's without having to say, "Excuse me" and "Can I please get by." Solution-crowd control. Again, the sniper would be of great use in this situation. **Sniper's victim count: 75-100 victims.**

Student Government senators should also beware. After reading the senate meeting's minutes, our crazed sniper would loathe those senators who abstained from voting and those senators who write silly legislation. Senators would be forced to vote, or else. **Sniper's victim count: about 19 or 20 victims per week.**

Construction workers would no longer hang out of windows of the FCS building to yell at innocent female passer bys. Instead, the workers would stay inside actually completing the work they are supposed to be doing. Score another one for the sniper. **Sniper's victim count: it's hard to tell; they all look and sound the same.**

Students would get to class on time and those on cell phones would have quiet conversations instead of speaking loudly all in fear of the sniper. Why haven't we thought of this before? Our school colors would change from purple and orange to camouflage so as to blend in with the University's foliage.

The whole sniper fiasco would bring this campus together and end student apathy. Students would begin to travel in large groups, because the sniper couldn't hit all of them. Greeks (who would make great targets with their nice large Greek letter shirts) non-Greeks, black, white, non-traditional and any other students I have missed would all get along. The sniper would make this place a utopia of education.

UNCOMMON GROUND

A Tale of Two Stories

Dave Knox
Sauce Columnist

This week I decided to write on two important, related topics.

The first is related to an event which few will hear about on this campus-Friday is National Coming Out Day.

Every Oct. 11, thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and allies celebrate National Coming Out Day. Beginning in 1987 when a half million people marched on Washington, D.C. the National Coming Out project of the Human Rights Campaign (http://www.hrc.org) has gained both numbers and star power over the years.

Last year, I posted a "Coming Out" display as a member of a new diversity organization on campus, Spectrum NSU. It didn't take very long for someone on this campus to remove the display.

This leads me into my next topic.

With all the talk about diversity and tolerance among students, you might wonder how the University addresses such issues. Is the University guilty about leaving such issues buried or does it try to address issues of diversity among its students and try to create programs and hold events to promote multiculturalism?

At a first glance of the University roster of departments, one might notice the office of the associate director for student activities and organization for cultural diversity and assume the university is doing all it needs to do regarding cultural diversity. Unfortunately, upon further investigation you come to realize that this office is nothing but a name.

However, I found out it isn't from lack of trying. There is a lovely young woman named Diane Blake-Jones, who has many desires to see programs and events of cultural diversity on this campus. Unfortunately, after talking with her this week, I discovered the reason why we haven't seen this on campus so far.

During our conversation, she told me several times that she wanted to do so much but basically that "there are zero funds." I went on to ask her where funds for this department came from, and she mentioned Alvin Brossette at the department of minority affairs.

She indicated, however, that it was a also lack of funds for that department that prevents anything from being done. So, basically, it appeared that the root of the problem was lack of funding from the University budget itself.

In the previous weeks of columns and articles in the *Current Sauce* we've seen many issues of cultural diversity and tolerance that our university should be addressing. Yet, as with the rest of campus, these issues are not discussed or just swept under the rug.

I plan on finding out exactly why the University says a lack of funding in minority affairs and cultural diversity is okay.

If you have any questions, comments, or topic ideas, feel free to write me at NSUinqueery@hotmail.com.

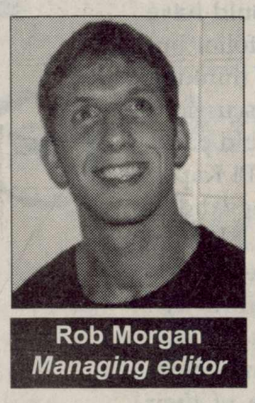
WORDS OF WISDOM-TIPS NOS. 7 & 8

I, Rob Morgan, being of sound mind and body am solely responsible for the subject matter contained within my column. The views expressed in my column are not reflected by the Current Sauce publication nor anyone on its talented and dedicated staff.

The column I write, 'Words of Wisdom,' is not meant for the faint at heart. It is not meant for professors, department heads, NSU faculty or members of the Natchitoches community.

'Words of Wisdom' is written for the students of Northwestern. I do not care what anyone has to say about my subject matter, writing style or use of verbage unless they are a student of this fine institution.

The final judges over my column are my fellow students. Everyone else who critiques my work without first being invited can kiss my ass.



Rob Morgan
Managing editor

Tip #7: Smoking is cool. If you doubt me, think back to a little movie entitled Die Hard starring a young Bruce Willis. All throughout the movie he smoked and all throughout the movie he killed the hell out of some bad guys. Actually, think back to any movie with a cool character in the last half-century, they were all smoking.

If Hollywood-hero worship doesn't convince you to light up consider the health benefits. Cigarettes contain appetite suppressants and kill taste buds. Yes, that's right chunky people; with smoking you can lose weight minus all that stupid health stuff. No more exercising or consumption of healthy foods, now you can just sit back and inhale your way to a skinnier self. And with no sense of taste you can eat at places like the Landing or Piroque's...mmm, mmm good

Sure, you might develop a wheeze while breathing or cough up enough phlegm to feed a family of four and then there is always the threat of a pesky tumor, but all these are acceptable risk for being social accepted as cool and attractive.

Tip #8: Driving home drunk from a bar is the best way to end a great night of drinking with your friends. Picture it, driving along the weaving road, narrowly avoiding guardrails or driving off into a ditch.

Drunken driving done right could be an Olympic sport. I have perfected my drunk driving technique; the farthest I have driven while toasty is 136 miles. I know, I know, it is impressive, but I only hit four people. Of course, they were in the living room of their house when I did it. I still plowed right into them. You know what I call that 45 points. 10 points for each person and five points for knocking down a brick wall.

Yep, make driving drunk into a sport-a blood sport-I say. Ten points a person, five points for an animal or child and double points if the individual is in your immediate family. A deduction in points will occur, though, if you serve jail time or suffer emotional anguish.

Note: My rating scale is based on the North American Intoxicated Regulation Driving standards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few suggestions for *Sauce* staff

Dear Editor:

Having taught at Northwestern many years, I feel compelled to say that I think that this year's *Current Sauce* had degenerated farther than I have ever seen it. Don't get me wrong! I like the layout and the colored pictures. It looks classy until I read it.

I don't believe, one bit, that you closely represent the interests and concerns of the majority of students. If I didn't know better, I would think that all Northwestern students care about is partying, drugs, sex, bad student government, and lazy Greek life. But, I do know that we have lots of students who have more honorable concerns and morals. I see and work with them every day.

The articles on textbooks have been great, and the information is something in which all students should have an interested. Sports coverage has been quite good. But, come on!! To imply that drug use is the thing to do and to say that student use of recreational drugs is "okay" is very misguided. The use of drugs is illegal and ignorant! To promote casual sex by the college masses is also irresponsible. Could I not go on and on?

We have plenty of students who are decent men and women. We have those who strive hard to complete there university education, sometimes while earning a living for themselves and their family. We have those who do good things for others and look for opportunities for service, in spite of a busy schedule. We have those who strive to help build a decent community of people, rather than meddling in the less constructive things. We have those students who see good things about Northwestern, rather than only the failures of a few. Could I suggest that you write about them?

Sincerely,
Dr. Bill Dennis, Professor
Engineering Technology

Student questions minority rights at public events

Like some people in the Spirit of Northwestern marching band, I go to the home football games not because I enjoy watching but because I depend on the scholarship money I received from the band. I also don't go to the football games to get proselytized to.

I am sure it may com as a shock to some people, but not everyone that goes to football games at Turpin Stadium are Catholic or Southern Baptist.

It may gall these people to realize that there are people of other religions sitting in the crowd with them, but it is a fact. The people sitting at the football game of other religious beliefs also deserve the right not to hear a prayer to Jesus, even if you think he was the "greatest player and coach ever to play the game" I am sure the Muslim next to you doesn't.

Even though you might say they don't have to take part in the prayer, like me, they may not have any choice on whether or not to come to the game. I know many Christians who are offended by people cursing and often times ask that those around them not do so.

So it would seem to me that they would extend the same courtesy to people of other religions who don't want to hear about Jesus.

I don't think that it would be hard to have a prayer at the beginning of the game just for the safety of all the people involved with out mentioning Jesus, God or any other religious figure.

I would hate to see how many letters to the editors would come flooding in if the prayer was directed to Muslims. The outcry from the Christians would be enormous. The religion of the masses should not trample the rights of the minorities.

Ryan Maxfield

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NSU theater presents 'Twelfth Night'

By Candice Pauley
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern theater department will be presenting the Shakespearean play "Twelfth Night" for the first time under the direction of Jack Wann.

Rehearsals for the play have been underway for almost a month. The actors and actresses work on the play six nights a week until opening night. "Twelfth Night" is a Shakespearean comedy.

For many of the actors this is their first Shakespearean play.

Levi Petree, a junior in the theater department, is not only acting in his first Shakespearean play, but also his first comedic role.

No stranger to lead roles, Petree has had other large roles including the Creature in "The Tragedy of Frankenstein".

Caroline Bolter, a senior theater major, is also a first time Shakespearean actress.

Bolter is very excited about the play that is giving her the largest lead role she has acted yet.

The play, though written by Shakespeare, has something in it for everyone.

Joshuah Laird, a senior in the theater department, commented on the quality of the play.

"You know the story's going to be good," Laird said. "There is no question about that."

Wann said the play is "Very boisterous and full of fun."

Wann also encouraged people to not judge the play by who wrote it.

"There's a lot in there that even little kids will be able to get," Wann said.

"Twelfth Night," will run from Oct. 17 through Oct. 19.

All NSU students get in free with a student ID.

Tickets can also be reserved through the theater department.

Students can contact the theater department with questions at 357-6891.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Cast members rehearse for the upcoming production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Tune into Homecoming 2002

By Callie Reames
Sauce Reporter

Next week's Homecoming events will be similar to the Homecoming of 2001 but there have been a few adjustments to the spirit week. One of those changes is this year's theme "A Click Back to the Classics."

"The thing we're really pushing this year is the game," Student Activities Board member Andy Jacob said.

"In the three years I've been here, this is the first year they've put more emphasis on the team, on school spirit," Jacob said.

The big game on Saturday against Southwest Oklahoma is the grand finale of a week designed to provide excitement and boost Demon determination.

Monday morning at 11 a.m. the Homecoming Kickoff Extravaganza will begin in front of the Student Union. The free cookout will steam on until 1 p.m., and in the in-between time, some jock-eyed music and an appearance by the Homecoming court is planned. Also look for the Demon Band and senior football players during the first official homecoming event of 2002.

Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., there will be a chance for budding rock stars to shine.

Starflix, a make your own music video venue, will be set up in the Student Union lobby. Props and the latest music tracks will be available for making music history.

Tuesday night's Homecoming Hunnies Contest will, in 30 seconds, test the acting skills of a selected coed pair from each student organization. The lip sync contest that night is in the Student Union Ballroom, and the festivities begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at 4 p.m. in front of the Student Union there will be a gathering for those interested in running five kilometers around campus, also known as the Fun Run.

The first 150 people to sign up and run the race get a free long-sleeve t-shirt to memorialize the sweat and lactic acid that he or she experienced. Sign up is at the Student Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Wednesday.

Following the run is another block party with free food.

Thursday night is movie and bonfire night. "Signs" will be shown at Prather Coliseum at 7 p.m.

The "Too Hot to Handle" bonfire will light up at 10 p.m. at the bottom of Greek Hill.

Friday's parade at 5 p.m. will float from Prather Coliseum to Jefferson Street and finish at the riverfront. A pep rally, to encourage spirit and pride for the grand finale on Saturday, will immediately follow on the Riverfront.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, the Rebels from Southwest Oklahoma will face the Demons at Turpin Stadium

All Homecoming events are free with a current Northwestern student ID.

Homecoming 2002

A CLICK BACK TO THE CLASSICS

Schedule of events:

■ **October 14**
Homecoming Kick-Off Extravaganza
11 a.m.-1 p.m. --front of student union

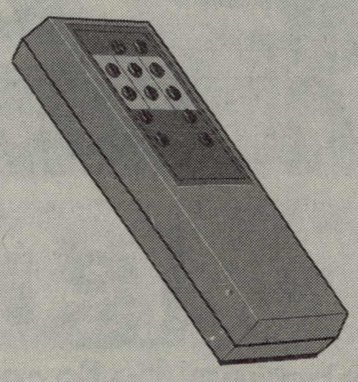
■ **October 15**
Starflix (make your own music video)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.--student union lobby

Lipsync and Homecoming Hunnies contest
7 p.m. --student union ballroom

■ **October 16**
IM Fun Run and Block Party
4 p.m. --IM Building

■ **October 17**
Night at the Movies-featuring "Signs"
7 p.m. --Prather Coliseum

"Too Hot to Handle" Bonfire
10 p.m. --bottom of Greek Hill



■ **October 18**
Parade Kick-Off
5 p.m. --Prather Coliseum

Pep Rally
Immediately after parade-Riverfront

■ **October 19**
Demons vs. Southwest Oklahoma
3 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Photo by Monica Williams

Motivational speaker Rick Rigsby speaks to NSU students about his striving to become better.

"The goal in life is to make an impact. . . The goal in life is not to just go through the motions, the goal in life is not to be average or mediocre at anything you do," Rigsby said. "The goal in life is to be the absolute, gut level, very best that you can be, no matter what it is you do."

Rigsby concluded his speech by encouraging the crowd to remaining standing during the difficult times in life.

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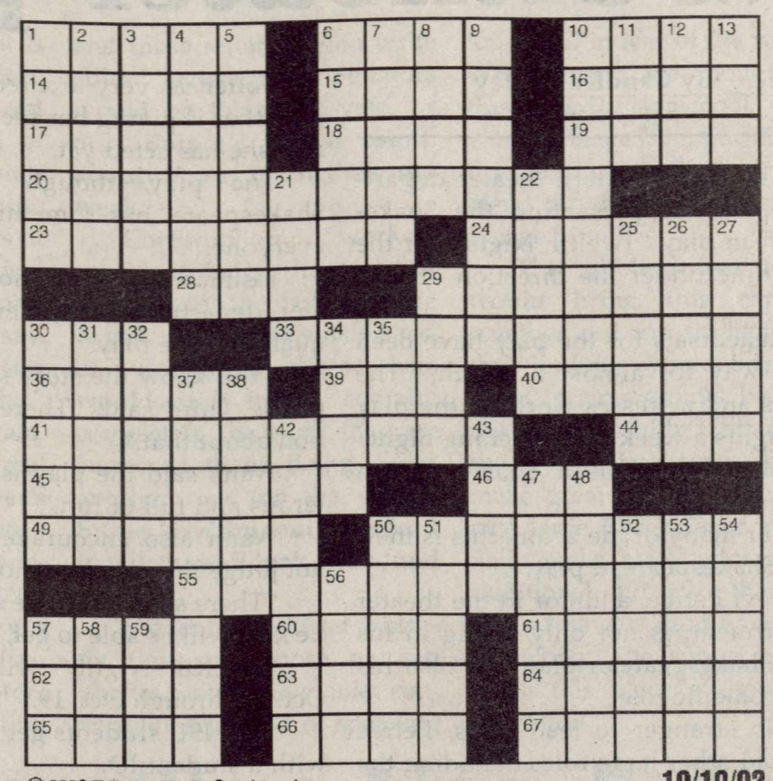

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Demon band Web site ranks top 20 in nation

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

The Web site for the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band has been rated as one of the top band sites in the country.

The Web site *www.marchingarts.com* has ranked NSU's site as being one of the nation's the top 20 band sites.

Ratings are determined by visitors to the *www.marchingarts.com* Web site, who can rate each site they view on a scale from one to 10.

On the Demon Band Website, located at *www.nsula.edu/demonband*, visitors can find information on all performing ensembles, including the Jazz Band, NSU Alumni Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony.

Information on the twirlers and Demon Dazzlers danceline is also available. Music and video clips can be accessed as well.

Sponsored events, such as the annual marching band contests, All-Honors Band and Drum/Color Guard Day, band camps, and the Conductor Symposium are also featured.

"There are many excellent features to the Demon Band website," Director of Bands Bill Brent said. "Our students are able to view daily announcements from the band office as well as receive personal messages from the directors. Potential students are able to review requirements for auditions and listen to recordings. It's just a user-friendly site."

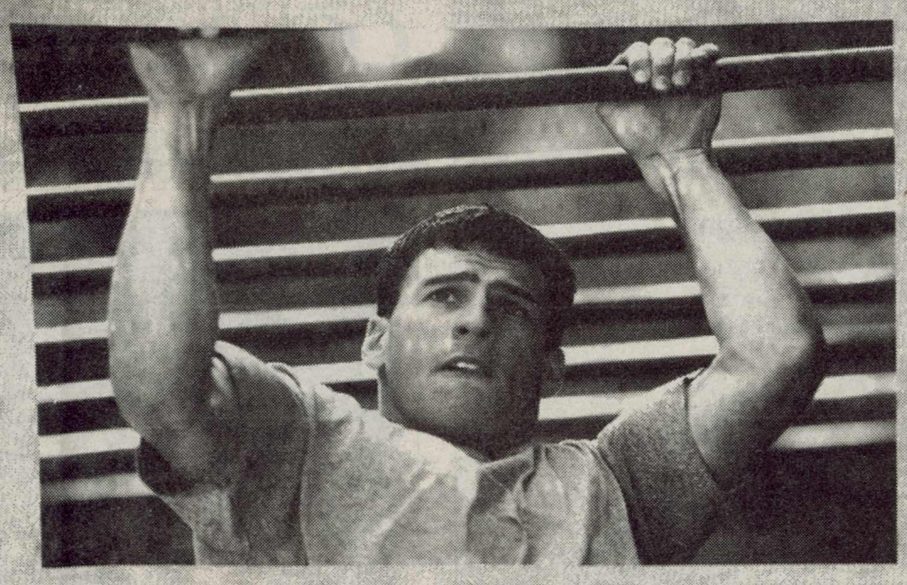
The Web site was designed by Deran Schilling, a senior computer information systems/business administration major from Dayton, Texas.

Schilling is also a member of the trumpet section in the Demon Marching Band. He has designed sites for the H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts, the department of journalism, the *Current Sauce*, the Office of Recreational Sports, Louisiana Creole Heritage Center, and Students in Free Enterprise.

"I must give credit to Mr. Jeff Matthews for selecting Deran," Brent said. "Mr. Matthews first approached him about working on the site a couple of years ago."

Brent said he hopes the Web site will generate publicity for the Demon Band program.

"We get requests for information frequently due to the web site from many states around the United States," Brent said. "It is a tremendous help to our program."



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SPORTS

Home field advantage does not help Northwestern's cross country team

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

McNeese State University, Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana Tech, and Nicholls State University were the big winners Monday at the annual Northwestern State Cross Country Invitational.

MSU Cowboy Kris Gilmore took top honors in the men's division running 8,000 meters in 23:14.04 edging out Tech Bulldog Carlos Arrizon.

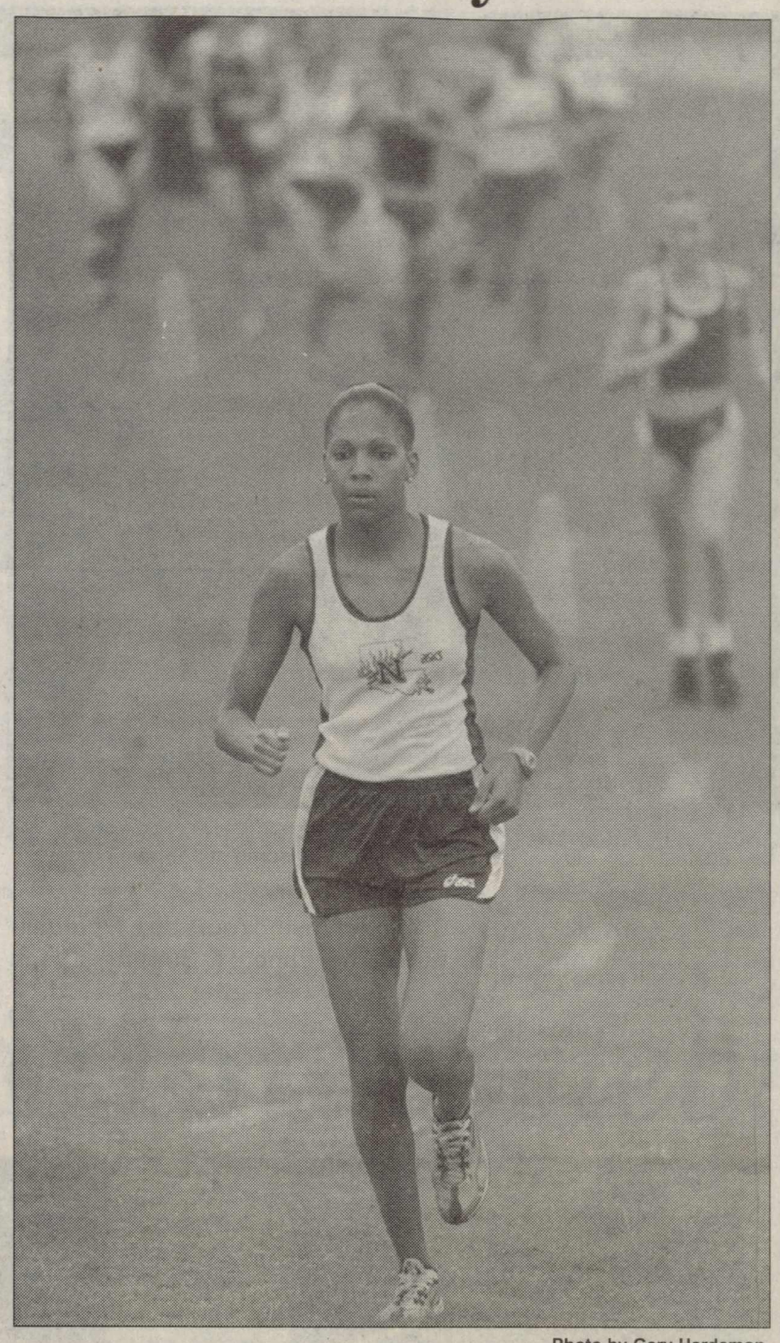
In the women's division it was ULM Lady Indian Rhonda Sherrer who was victorious with a time of 18:27.56 defeating her nearest opponent, MSU Cowgirl Ruth Wallace, by almost an entire 10 seconds.

The Bulldogs of Tech took a bite out of the competition in the men's division while the Lady Colonels charged the field in the women's division.

Five Bulldogs held top twelve finishing positions earning Tech a total of 41 points with McNeese the nearest competitor with 83.

The tally for the Lady Colonels was a bit closer as they narrowly defeated McNeese 85-87, with NSU being the nearest runner-up with 105 points.

NSU, the host school for the meet finished with a respectable third in the 14-team women's division and fifth in the 12 team men's division.



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Freshman newcomer Abby Salomon led the Lady Demons cross country team with a 20:24.25 time (14th overall) in the NSU Invitational cross country meet.

Southland Conference commissioner resigns, accepts position with SEC

By Bruce Ludlow
SLC media relations

The Southland Conference announced Monday that commissioner Greg Sankey will resign, effective Nov. 1, 2002, to accept a position as associate commissioner with the Southeastern Conference.

"The Southland Conference will always be special to me and my family," Sankey said. "We have enjoyed building friendships with many people and look forward to continuing those friendships as we move to the Southeastern Conference."

Sankey became the fifth commissioner in the 39-year history of the Southland Conference in April 1996. He began his work with the Southland in 1992, when he was hired as assistant commissioner for compliance. Sankey was promoted in 1994 to associate commissioner for championships and marketing, a position he held until being named commissioner.

"Greg Sankey has been one of the finest conference commissioners for quite some time," said James Simmons, president of Lamar University and chair of the Southland Conference board of directors. "His departure will be a tremendous loss for us, but he has been presented with a great opportunity at the Southeastern Conference and we wish him all the best in this move."

The notable accomplishments during Sankey's tenure as commissioner, include:expansion of the conference to 11 members, the highest number of members in the league's 39-year history; addition of championships in women's soccer and women's golf; returning the Conference's men's basketball championship game telecast to ESPN following a five-year absence.

Sankey served in the NCAA Division I governance structure, including participation as a member of the first Division I management council; he was chairman of the I-AA Football Governance Committee and chairman of the Division I Membership Subcommittee and he created a new logo for the Southland Conference.

"I have been fortunate to serve as commissioner during a time in which our leadership was committed to continually improving the Southland Conference," Sankey said. "I am most proud of the people we have involved as staff of the Southland Conference and am confident the staff and university leaders will be able to continue the enhancement of the Conference."

The SLC's executive committee will work with Simmons to appoint an interim commissioner and define the search process prior to Sankey's departure.

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Demons enter SLC play with 5-1 record

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons ran wild on the Elon Phoenix while NSU Cops ran wild on NSU students Saturday night at Turpin Stadium.

Elon came into Saturday's game with a powerful running attack, but it was the Demons who ran and threw the ball effectively leading them to a 47-20 rout of the Phoenix.

The Demons had 357 yards on the ground, winning the battle up front against Elon.

Elon boasted a rush defense that allowed 91.5 yards a game but NSU had no trouble with the run defense.

Leading the way for the Demons was third-team tailback Jeremy Lofton who ran for 98 yards on 6 carries all in the final quarter of play.

Starters Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson ran for a total of 171 yards on 26 carries between them while adding a pair of touchdowns.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Demon Swarm crushes an Elon Pheonix during Saturday's game. The game against Elon allowed the Demons to put up some impressive numbers including the score, 47-20.

"We only had 6 negative yards rushing, when you do that you are pretty much dominating the front line of scrimmage," Demon Head Coach Scott Stoker said.

Demon quarterback Kevin Magee helped break down Elon's defense by hitting 11 of 16 passes for 236 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The Demons had seven pass catchers with wide receiver Freddie Harrison leading with 92 yards on 4 catches. Demon wide out Toby Zeigler was second with 90 yards on 4 catches.

The Phoenix had a strong running game that was hit head on by a tough, stingy defense from the Demons. The Phoenix running attack was averaging 272.5 yards a game, but the Demon defense held them to only 40 yards on the ground.

Linebacker Gerald Williams led all defensemen with 9 tackles including 2 sacks on the game.

"We stopped the run on defense which led to a total offensive game of running and passing," Harrison said.

While NSU was racking up scores and statistics on Elon, one of the Demons' faithful was escorted out of the stadium during the first quarter of play.

The student was escorted out after an Elon fan disapproved of the student standing on the rail and cheering for NSU. This led to other students leaving at half time missing some of the Demons scoring at will on Elon.

"That is the exact atmosphere I want on that side, that is a huge bonus for us," Stoker said. "There will be things corrected on that for this week's game that is the bonus for us having the opponent's over there."

Assistant Director of Student Affairs Luke Dowden said that the rule is students can stand by the rail, but no profanity can be used while cheering at Turpin Stadium.

Lady Demons drop SLC foes Nicholls, SLU with authority

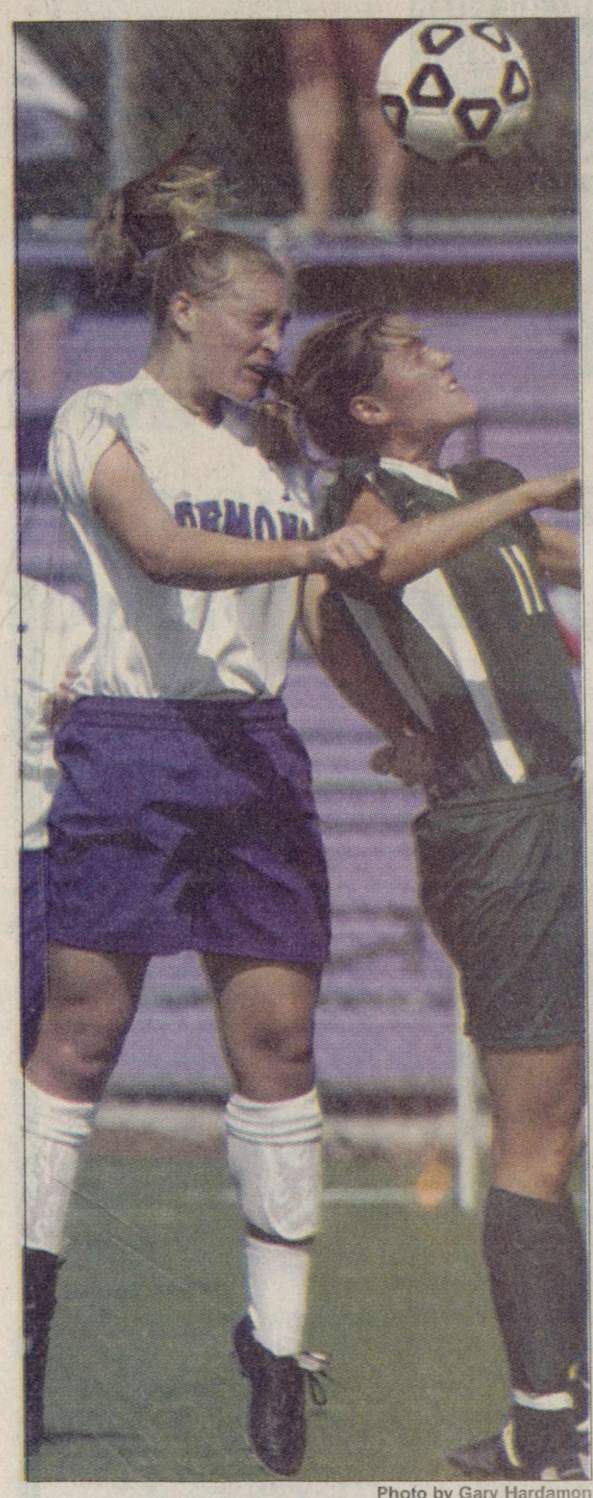


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Heather Penico, Demon sweeper, goes head to head with a Southeastern player Sunday. SLU loss the match 5-2. The Lady Demons, undefeated at home, face Southwest Texas this Friday at 4 p.m.

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

NSU (8-4-1overall, 4-1 in the Southland Conference) established its dominance over the SLC this past week with a definitive 5-2 victory over Southeastern Louisiana(5-4-1 overall, 1-2 in SLC) on Sunday and a 2-0 shutout against Nicholls State University (2-7-1 overall, 0-3 in SLC) on Monday.

Freshman forward Heather Penico put Southeastern on the defensive early when she blasted a goal from 30 yards out just 4:17 into the first half.

Penico also found time to help out her fellow Lady Demons when she assisted freshman midfielder Bryndie Magg with a goal in the 43rd minute.

The Lady Lions barely had time to recover when freshman forward Rachel Folk added a score of her own giving the Lady Demons a commanding 3-0 lead at the half.

Freshman forward Ashley Hadley made an impact in the second half scoring the first of her two goals in the 63rd minute giving NSU a 4-0 lead.

The SLU offense made efforts to close the gap when freshman forward Jill Knighten scored shortly thereafter.

An additional SLU goal came by way of a successful penalty kick, but it was all in vain as NSU goalkeeper Nellie Latolais held down the fort to run the clock out.

The result was much of the same on Monday against Nicholls although the Lady Colonels managed to put up a little more of a fight than the Lady Lions.

NSU manhandled the Lady Colonels, outshooting them 12-3, but were unable to score the entire first half.

All that changed when Penico got hold of a lose ball 20 yards out and sent it flying to the back of the net.

Folk matched Penico with a goal of her own in the 61st minute.

Latolais stood strong as always and the Lady Demons waited out father time for a 2-0 victory.

Penico and fellow Lady Demon sophomore sweeper Katie Priest did not have their efforts go unnoticed when it was time to hand out awards.

Penico received SLC offensive player of the week honors for her performance against Southeastern and Priest was awarded with defensive player of the week honors for her lead role in the Lady Demons' defensive shutout against Nicholls.

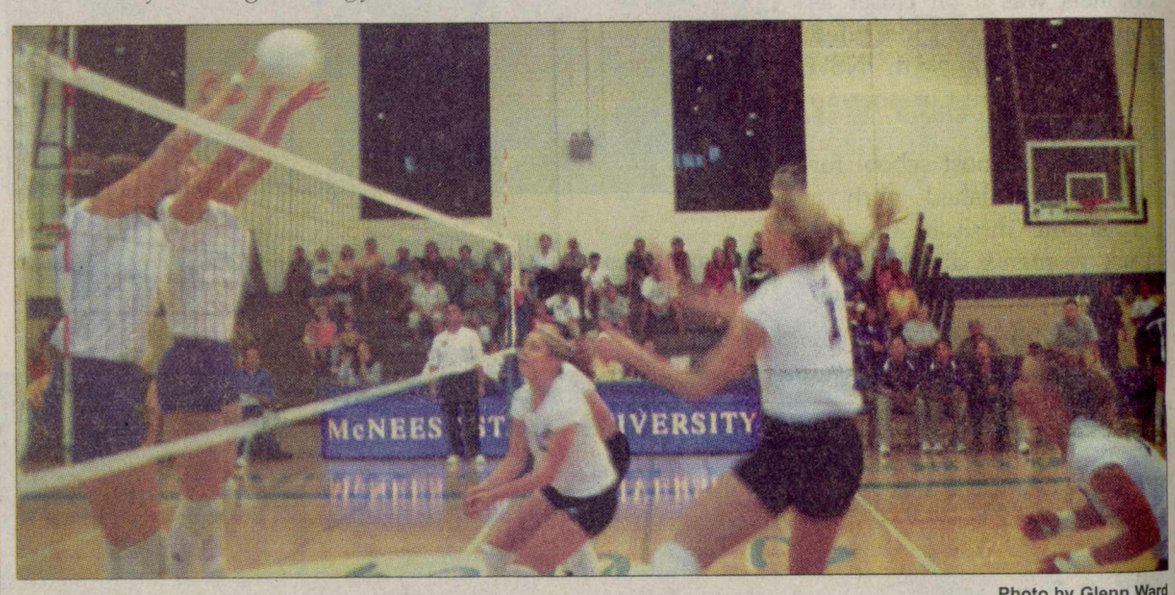
The Lady Demons will need all the individual and team efforts they can muster as they take their undefeated home game record against second-place Southwest Texas this Friday at 4p.m.

This game puts the SLC's past two year champions, NSU in 2000 and SWT in 2001, in a head to head match up for SLC supremacy.

SLC Players of the Week Awards

Offensive: Heather Penico, a sophomore sweeper, for her efforts in the Lady Demons game against the Southeastern Lady Lions.

Defensive: Katie Priest, a sophomore defender, for her efforts in the Lady Demons game against the Nicholls Lady Colonels.



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Two McNeese State defenders block a ball sent over the net by Lady Demon senior outside hitter Christina Stone. The Demons fell to the Cowgirls in four sets 30-15, 30-27, 29-31 and 30-25. NSU returns home to Prather Coliseum for a three-game homestand beginning Friday at 7 p.m.

Lady Demon volleyball ends four game losing streak at Centenary

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

The Lady Demon volleyball team (2-5 in the Southland Conference, 10-13 overall) snapped their four-game losing streak with a win against Centenary on Tuesday.

The Lady Demons' half-finished five game road trip put them across the state line in Beaumont, Texas last Saturday afternoon to take on the Lamar Cardinals (6-2 in the SLC, 14-5 overall).

The Lady Demons were swept in straight sets (30-17, 30-17, 30-28) after Lamar capitalized on 31 Lady Demon errors.

Junior transfer Becky David, who had 15 kills and 5 errors in 35 attacks, led NSU's offensive attack.

Freshman setter Flavia Belo also contributed with 41 assists.

After losing to Lamar which was NSU's third straight SLC loss-on Sunday, the Lady Demons traveled east down I-10 to take on the second ranked McNeese State Cowgirls (7-2 in the SLC, 12-6 overall).

The game had been moved from Friday to Sunday because of the threat of Hurricane Lili. The extra day just was not enough to propel the Lady Demons to victory.

"We don't start playing intensely until too late in the match-10 points down," Lady Demon Head Coach Leigh Davis said.

NSU fell to the Cowgirls in four sets 30-15, 30-27, 29-31 and 30-25.

MSU's offensive attack, which was led by Angela Eppers' 18 attacks and .239 hit percentage and Beth Chapman's match-high 57 assists, was just too much for the Lady Demons. Belo chimed in with a team-high 50 assists.

"She (David) did an excellent job today and yesterday," Davis said about David's performance.

On Tuesday, the Lady Demons played a little closer to home when they rolled into Shreveport, La. to take on the Centenary Ladies (8-17 overall) in a non-conference match. NSU won in straight sets 30-20, 30-19 and 30-25.

NSU outhit Centenary .296 to .108 and had four players-Christina Stone (9), Belo (8), David and Bernize Fonseca-with eight or more kills. Junior setter Cathy Herring also contributed with 18 assists.

The Lady Demons will return home, where they have a 7-2 record, for three SLC games, including two this weekend—Texas-San Antonio Friday at 7 p.m. and Southwest Texas State Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Northwestern students turned out for last night's pep rally to support their 5-1 Demons.

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HOMECOMING

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The 2002 Homecoming court poses in front Northwestern's historic main entrance gate. The court will be presented at half-time of Saturday's Homecoming game. NSU will face Southwestern Oklahoma at 3 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

Annual football game brings to campus

Tradition & Celebration

By Callie Reames
Sauce Reporter

Buildings from State Normal College and faces from Northwestern State College students have drifted into the pages of history, but each year, NSU welcomes home its alumni to celebrate the school's past and present.

"The changes come with all of ya'll," NSU alumnus Lucille Hendrick said about NSU students.

93-year-old Hendrick attended State Normal College, which was located on NSU's present grounds, from 1926 to 1930 and earned degrees in English, history and French.

She taught around Shreveport then returned to Natchitoches to earn a 1958 masters degree in education in personnel data and administration. She then served as the Dean of Women from 1959 to 1974 before retiring.

"Oh, we had more fun on that campus," Hendrick said. Seeing the pretty girls dressed in pretty off-white dresses on the Homecoming Court was her favorite tradition of Homecoming. She said the off-white dresses really made the women more visible.

NSU's 21st century Homecoming Court wears business suits of many colors and, for the second year, there are 10 men in addition to the 10 women on the court.

Director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl Henry said that he attended Northwestern State College from 1965-1969, and the football team elected the court then. The selection process is now a school-wide vote.

"These are 20 students that have been involved in our school and elected by their peers," Henry said, "It's a big honor."

Henry said when attended Northwestern, he did not have much time to be involved in student events.

"I was an athlete, and I didn't get to go to a lot,"

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BCM 'shacks' up for charity
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NSU jogs for scholarship
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By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

For Homecoming 2002, the Student Activities Board provided a trip down memory lane with "A Click Back to the Classics."

NSU students devoured over 500 hamburgers as they listened to senior football players and the NSU Pep Band's music.

Sophomore Ben Hale said Monday's events provided an escape from the classroom.

"I heard the music, so I just got motivated, you know."

For the aspiring star, the SAB sponsored StarFlix, an opportunity to make your own music video, on Tuesday.

Todd Musick performed to an 80's hit and said, "It works better when I'm drunk."

His "co-star," Kasey Joubert, said, "Everything we learned, we learned at Yesterday's."

On Tuesday evening, 700 students crammed into the Student Union ballroom to witness the annual Homecoming Hunnies and lip sync competitions.

"I expected a lot of people to be involved with things, but not really like this," freshman Josh Flatt said. "There's a lot of people here."

542 feet trekked a meandering route across campus in Wednesday afternoon's five kilometer Fun Run.

"This run was really fun," senior aviation science major Kinshasa Romas said. "It was really good how the different organizations and races came together."

For tonight, thriller movie "Signs" is set to show at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

The SAB turns up the heat with a bonfire at 10 p.m. on Greek Hill.

At 5 p.m. on Friday, the annual Homecoming Parade rolls out of Prather Coliseum for the Front Street pep rally.

Homecoming peaks Saturday as the Demons football team kicks off against Southwest Oklahoma Bulldogs 3 p.m. at Turpin Stadium.

Rapides IM gym reopens

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

After three months of renovations, the temporary intramural gym in the basement of Rapides Hall reopened early last week.

The gym, which closed around mid-July, opened its doors for use Oct. 7. Although the free weights were available for student use, the bench pads were still not delivered, making bench weights still not safe enough.

"It wasn't right that they shut it down," frequent IM user Dewayne Neie said. "It left us with nothing to use."

This seemed to be a reasonable argument to many summer students, but the argument seemed to change after the reopening. It had now shifted to the quality and necessity of the work that was done.

"It sucks," senior Marko Davnic said. "There is nothing new."

Another argument on many students' minds was the timing of the renovations. The gym needed the new bench pads and a new coat of paint, but the three months of work were too much for some students.

"Three months and all they have to show is pinstripes on the walls," Neie said.

The official delay, however, was with the bench pad order. Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports Mark Deshotel said that the pads had been delayed throughout the summer because of a new purchasing procedure.

Student Government Association President Stacie Cosby said the procedure had been upgraded to a new computerized system.

"Eventually it will help orders process 10 times faster, but right now it's making them process 10 times slower," Cosby said.

Although it took a long time to get them ordered, the pads were in need of replacing. The metal frames were exposed through torn holes in the covering.

"The pads became too much of a liability for our department," Deshotel said. "They just needed to be replaced."

Deshotel tried to make the delivery quicker by driving to Kinder, La. Friday to guarantee their arrival by Monday.

In the meantime, many students had grown weary of the wait, including Rapides desk workers Claire Watson and Chad Joseph.

Watson and Joseph said that students have been harassing them and other Rapides desk workers since the first day of school about the unopened gym.

"Students feel that we are partly responsible for it when we have nothing to do with it," Watson said.

After weeks of students flooding the front desk to ask when the IM would open, Watson began taking whatever action she could. She began a petition on the issues of student fees and campus projects.

"Fees are so high and nothing is getting done," Watson said. "Basically, no one is getting their money's worth."

The petition has gained over 200 signatures over the last few weeks, but a new one must be started in order for the SGA to accept it.

"Three months (of work) and all they have to show is pinstripes on the walls."

Dewayne Neie
Rapides IM regular

The SGA constitution says that a petition must have a mission statement on each page and must collect at least ten percent of the current student enrollment.

Also, it must run for 65 days and collect students' printed name, signature and social security number.

Watson said she plans on restarting the petition to fit the legislation and will keep it up as long as it takes.

Cosby said that a petition of that magnitude would directly involve herself and University President Randall Webb, and that she would gladly discuss it with him.

One of the main campus projects the petition deals with is the long-awaited IM Building that Deshotel said

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IM facts
by the numbers

$6,900,000
1999 estimated IM cost

$75
Student IM fee per semester

775 of 1,193
Students that voted for fee in 1999

40,000 sq. feet
Amount of space to be added

Fall 1998
Original estimated groundbreaking

Fall 2002
Current estimated groundbreaking

January 2002
Estimated completion date, 1999

Spring 2004
Estimated completion date, 2002

SGA approves *Argus* editor

25 percent of senate not meeting work requirements

By April Dixon
Sauce Reporter

The SGA senate appointed an editor in chief of *Argus*, NSU's annual student literature and art magazine, Monday after the Media Board picked its candidate Thursday.

Current Sauce photo editor Glenn Ward was chosen in the board's third attempt this semester and the fourth since May to nominate a chief editor to the publication. He was also the senate's second candidate for the position.

The SGA senate refused 2002 *Argus* editor in chief and Media Board nominee Shane Erath in May because of last year's magazine's late distribution.

Ward, a junior print journalism major, served as a co-editor of *Argus* last year. Despite his title, Ward said he did not feel like he played a big role in the production of last year's publication.

"I would like to see it come out to be graphically appealing," Ward said.

Ward said he would like to see more publicity of the magazine. Ward believes that every student on campus needs to know what the *Argus* is, where to get it, and how to have his or her writing published.

He said he feels that his experience gives him the deadline senses to prepare him for his position as editor in chief this year.

Glenn Ward

Experience:
2002 *Current Sauce* photo editor, L&E writer

2002 *Argus* co-editor, non-fiction

Classes in composition and design

Ward

Other candidates for the position this year were Erath, junior English major Ann Coleman and Jessica Troske, a senior journalism major.

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

SGA President Stacie Cosby managed to get a nominee approved without a catch Monday, after weeks of controversy over appointments to the senate and Student Supreme Court.

SGA Vice President Jennifer Jensen also continued threats against truant sena-

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
77°/46°	78°/57°	72°/61°

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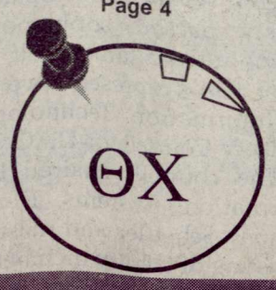

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Homecoming brings alums home

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Henry said about his 3 1/2 years on NSU's basketball team.

Now, Henry is directing student activities. He said that in the last 15 years attendance at all events, not just Homecoming has grown.

"It's increased a bunch," Henry said.

Chris Collins, a freshman history major, said he gave blood Tuesday at the Life Share Blood Center vehicle in front of the Student Union. He was not planning on attending any other Homecoming activities.

"I haven't had time," Collins said. Collins said he was never interested in events like these in high school.

"I'm just not big on that sort of thing," Collins said.

Katie Alford, a sophomore hospitality management and tourism major, also expressed disinterest in Homecoming week activities. She said she might attend events with her friends.

"But most of my friends wouldn't be concerned with it," Alford said.

Clint Sellers, a junior nursing major, attended the Lip Sync Contest Tuesday night in the Student Union Ballroom. It was open to all official NSU organizations.

"It was a real good time. Everyone put on a real good performance," Sellars said.

Sellars said he would probably go to more Homecoming events this week with his fraternity brothers from Sigma Nu.

"The majority of the people there were greek," Sellars said about the Lip Sync Contest.

Henry said fraternities and sororities encourage involvement in these student-oriented act ivies.

Sellars said Sigma Nu alumni would be revisiting NSU for the 2002 Homecoming.

" A lot of our old friends. We're looking forward to seeing them," Sellars said.

Next spring Sellars will change campuses to complete his nursing degree in Shreveport. Homecoming will be different for him then.

"Homecoming gives me an opportunity to come back," Sellars said.

Hendrick will be coming back for the annual Homecoming Banquet. She is planning on attending the $15 dinner Friday at 7 p.m.

"Friday night if I get to go, I'll waddle like a duck. But it'll be fun," Hendrick said. She also said she feels only as old as a college student.

"I'm not 93 on the inside," Hendrick said.

The annual banquet honors alumni and faculty, and anyone can attend.

Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio said attendance at the Homecoming football game is thousands larger than other games.

"I don't think it's stretching to say we have 3,000," Maggio said about alumni attendance. He expected the 2002 Homecoming crowd to reach 12,000 or 13,000 people.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday is Jessie Malveaux's 20th birthday. Please call her and wish her a very happy birthday. You can call her at 356-8271 and/or (337) 249-3202.

Student Activities Board

The SAB committee is still accepting applications. For more information come to Room 214 of the Student Union.

Emerging Leaders session dates for freshmen and sophomores are as follows: Oct. 22, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is sponsoring a "Toys for Tots" drive. All Spanish Club members will be accepting donations to buy the children in Natchitoches Parish Hospital Christmas presents. Any club member who has not received a donation envelope can pick one up in the Foreign Language Resource Center. For more information, see Dr. Pratt.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club meeting time has been changed to every other Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in room 305 in Bienvenu Hall. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 24. Psychology majors and minors are welcome to attend.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

"Drink/Think"

Rick Barnes will present "Drink/Think" next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information call the SAB office at 357-6511.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Temporary IM reopens after fixes

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may take around two more years to build.

"On a conservative estimate it may not be finished until the spring of 2004," Deshotel said.

Watson said she disliked the timing of the IM discussions and building.

"It's upsetting that I've been here since the fall of 1999 and I have seen no improvements," Watson said.

All full-time NSU students have paid $75 per semester since 1997 to fund the renovations, which have yet to start.

Cosby said she understands students' concerns since she has also been paying fees since 1999. She also said that the SGA will be looking into lowering student fees later this semester.

Cosby said that the problem with the IM building lies in the Board of Supervisors.

"They are the group that approves renovations and sets the budgets," Cosby said. "The problem is that there is too much stuff to go in so little space."

Regardless of the IM holdups and student opinions of the temporary gym's new look, it has been opened for all current NSU students to use.

The gym is located in the basement of Rapides and can be accessed from the Rapides rear parking lot. It is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Current students need to have their valid student ID.

"Whatever," Neie said. "At least it's open now."

BCM builds shacks for charity

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

NSU's Baptist Collegiate Ministry raised money for local charities and attempted to increase Natchitoches' awareness of homelessness Saturday with their fourth annual "Shack-a-Thon."

Students used scrap material collected from local business and hardware stores to build the shanties, which were torn down Sunday afternoon to be used as fuel for the Homecoming bonfire Thursday night.

The proceeds collected from the donations received by pledges, or students who stayed in the shacks overnight, will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, a charity that builds homes for those who cannot afford them; the Love and Care Mission, a local food and clothing center; and the BCM's own missionary efforts.

Sophomore social work major Nichole Miller took a building break to talk about why she felt "Shack-a-Thon" was an important event.

"It's a great way to raise awareness of homelessness," Miller said.

Aaron Stanley, a freshman computer information systems major with hammer and nails in hand, said that he hoped the "Shack-A-Thon" would set the standard for the BCM's mission work in the community.

As for the construction of the shacks themselves, shack leader and junior nursing major Joshua Sampay didn't let past work experience influence him in deciding how to build his team's shack.

Photo by Glenn Ward

BCM members (from left to right) Jessica Allen, Mandie Johnson and Mike McCorkle prepare for the 2002 "Shack-a-Thon" by constructing a make-shift shanty.

"I've worked construction before so I could have made it look like a house, but I wanted it to look as shacky as possible," Sampay said.

Pledges like freshman pre-dental biology major EmmaLee Jordan said raising money for charity and mission work were important to her as she viewed what would become her Friday night residence. Jordan also cited a desire for new clothes as motivation to sleep in the shack overnight.

"I wanted a t-shirt," Jordan said.

With Natchitoches temperatures starting to drop, Jordan said that the cold didn't bother her as much as the possibility of rain.

Bugs were also among Jordan's worries as she prepared to brave the approaching evening with nothing more than a sleeping bag and the shelter of scrap wood to shield her from the elements.

Although students enjoyed joking about bugs, rain and the right way to build a shack, BCM director Bill Collins expressed deeper hopes as to what students would take away from their "Shack-a-Thon" participation.

"It's interesting to watch students," Collins said. "I love to see their resilient nature. Some of them can't take it…It helps them to see what it feels like to sleep out on the street."

NSU professors recall works of UNO historian

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

Stephen E. Ambrose, best-selling historian and founder the National D-Day Museum, passed away Sunday at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Ambrose, 66, was diagnosed with cancer in May and was exploring treatment options.

Ambrose taught at the University of New Orleans from 1971 until 1995 as a history professor. Ambrose wrote 25 books and six *New York Times* best-sellers including *Band of Brothers, Citizen Soldiers,* and *Undaunted Courage*.

Before professor Greg Granger came to NSU's political science department, he worked with Ambrose at UNO.

"He was a good-humored man, and he was a good lecturer," Granger said.

"I used his biography both of Eisenhower and Nixon pretty extensively," Granger said. "All of his work was excellent."

Ambrose served as the historical consultant for *Saving Private Ryan* and produced the HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*, which tells the 101st Airborne's story during WWII.

Ambrose founded the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. The museum has personal stories, artifacts, and memorabilia from both the European and Pacific campaigns of WWII.

In recent months, Ambrose's reputation had been tarnished due to accusations that he plagiarized other writer's works.

"I always thought plagiarism meant using another people's words and ideas, pretending they were your own and profiting from it," Ambrose said. "I do not do that, never have done that and never will."

Ambrose's last book, *Mississippi and the Making of a Nation*, is now available at bookstores.

Minutes 10-14-02

Call to Order- 7:10 p.m.

The prayer was lead by Kelli Miller. The pledge was lead by Ryan Terry.

Roll Call

Pressent
Adam Allen
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brossett
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Andy Dye
Timberly Deville
Dustin Floyd
Tometrius Greer
Chris Henry
Jared Hewitt
Liz Hughes
Luke Hutchinson
Brian Jarreau
Jennifer Jensen
Chris Johnson
Linzie Ledford
Scott Manguno
Cory Markham
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Taylor Morgan
Casey Ponder
Ken Romas
Adam Stoll
Cade Strong
Alan Sypert
Ryan Terry
Liz Webb

Absent
Timmy Watts
Liz Webb

Executive Reports

Treasurer- Dustin Mathews
Next week I will have the budget. The reception for the Homecoming Court is tomorrow in the Presidents room at 11:00.

Vice President -Jennifer Jenson
Make sure you complete three (3) office hours a week. Two people are on Academic Evaluation, and three other people did not complete their office hours. We need to start getting our job done. We will be starting the Senator of the Month program again to reward those senators who are doing their job.

President - Stacie Cosby
Tomorrow is the Breakfast with the Pesident. Tonight we are voting on Alan Sypert for Senator at Large, the approval of James Rolf to ITAC, and Glen Ward to the position of Editor of the Argus.

Departmental Reports

Academic Affairs- Mindy McConell
Our meetings are Wed. at 2:30. Right now we are working on getting a speaker for next semester, getting a swing dancing class, and text book rentals. Scantron B will be in next week.

External Affairs- Cade Strong
We need to make signs for Homecoming. We will have meetings Tuesday at 4:15. Club Sports will meet at 5:00 on Tuesdays. I will be passing out Senator profiles soon, so I can update the SGA webpage.

Fiscal Affairs- Dustin Mathews
Meetings will be at 6:00 on Mondays. The Flight Team asked for money for the Regional Competition. It passed through Club Sports, but for various reasons, it failed through Fiscal.

Internal Affairs- Greg Comeaux
Bill 0012 is tabled till next week. We had a productive meeting today.

Student Affairs- Luke Hutchinson
Traffic and Safety will be tomorrow at 2:00. Scott is working on the lights. We will be working on the handicap seating at Football games.

SAB Report- Ryan Terry
There is no report.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
Come and support the homecoming events. Legislation that has already been passed, needs to be followed up on.

Supreme Court Report- Supreme Court Justice
Thursday at 3:00, the court will convene. We will discuss items from internal affairs. I will report back.

Old Business

Dustin Floyd moves to approve bill FA02-008. Liz Hughes seconds. Mindy McConnell moves to amend the bill to state " present senate". Linzie Ledford seconds. Motion passes by role call vote 22-1-0. FA02-008 passes by role call vote 16-7-0.

New Business

FA02-011 and FA02-012 are both tabled. Alan Sypert is up for approval for the Senator at Large position. Alan spoke on his behalf, and was approved by role call vote 23-0-0. Alan Sypert, along with Jared Hewitt both took the Oath of Office. Glenn Ward is up for approval for the position of the editor for the Argus. He spoke on his behalf. He was approved to the position by role call vote 25-0-0. James Rolf is up for approval for the position to ITAC. He spoke on his behalf. He was approved to the position by role call vote 25-0-0.

Announcements

Do your office hours. You need three (3). You need to take office hours seriously. Please keep the office clean, and pick up after yourselves. Work on legislation. Please promote the Emerging Leaders Program. There will be a cabinet meeting next week.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

SGA approves two Cosby nominees

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tors, claiming that more than a quarter of senators were not filling their job duties.

Cosby said that since the third sophomore class senate seat was not filled during the September elections, sophomore Alan Sypert, though being appointed to represent all University students, could bolster sophomore presence in the senate.

The senate unanimously approved Sypert's appointment, the first time a Cosby appointment has gone unopposed this semester.

The senate also unanimously passed sophomore senator-at-large James Rolf to be the SGA's representative to the Information Technology Advisory Council, or ITAC.

The council, chaired by Information Systems Dean Anthony Scheffler and mostly consisting of faculty members, acts as an advisory council to University Provost Thomas Burns.

Rolf said the council has tried to exert greater influence over the Student Technology Advisory Team, or STAT, which is a student subcommittee of ITAC and authorizes much of the University's student technology fee spending.

> **"I've seen some of the things the faculty tries to do at (ITAC) meetings and I want to make sure the students' voice is heard."**
>
> **James Rolf**
> SGA, ITAC representative

"I've seen some of the things the faculty tries to do at these (ITAC) meetings and I want to make sure the students' voice is heard," Rolf said.

The meeting concluded with another warning from SGA Vice President Jen Jensen concerning office work.

Jensen said 25 percent of the senate had failed to fill or report their three required weekly office hours last week. Two of those hours are covered through required departmental meetings.

Since only one hour of office work per week takes place outside of the already-required meetings, Jensen said senators have no excuse for missing it and should pay more attention if they do not record their hours correctly.

Jensen also said senators Lindsey Ledford and Taylor Morgan were on administrative review for not completing or properly reporting two weeks of office hours.

ΣΣΣ Congratulations!

ΣΣΣ congratulates its new members for Fall 2002!

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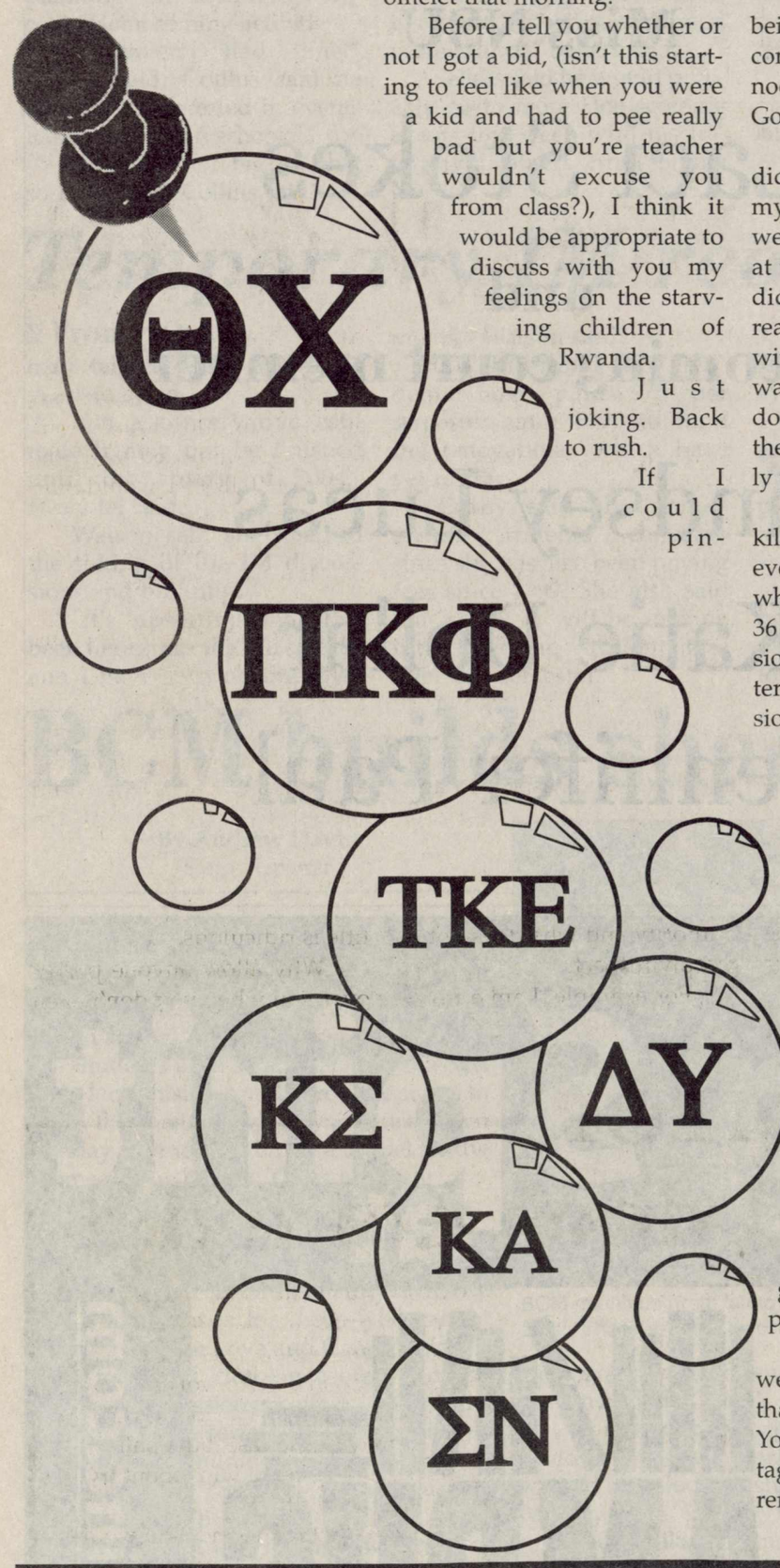
Fraternity rush or something like it

Part IV ——→ *The conclusion of the matter*

By Andrew David

Five days of tours, speeches, free food and wrecked outdoor recreational equipment had led up to one moment. Friday—bid day.



By discrediting Pi Kappa Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon and singling out Theta Chi as my sole choice, I had put all of my ducks in one basket. Or had I put all of my eggs in a row? I'm not sure, but I think I ate an omelet that morning.

Before I tell you whether or not I got a bid, (isn't this starting to feel like when you were a kid and had to pee really bad but you're teacher wouldn't excuse you from class?), I think it would be appropriate to discuss with you my feelings on the starving children of Rwanda.

Just joking. Back to rush.

If I could pinpoint one thing that's important when trying to join a fraternity, other than actually getting a bid, I would have to suggest that one can never underestimate the importance of being socially proactive.

Remember when I said not being socially proactive would come back to haunt me? Just nod your head and say yes. Good. You get a gold star.

What I'm trying to say is I didn't do anything to make myself standout during the week. As opposed to one guy at the Theta Chi ski party who did it by, baiting the grim reaper. The prospective Darwin award recipient inched his way up a very steep aluminum dock roof and jumped off into the water. Now that is definitely proactive.

This could have gotten him killed, but it didn't. It did, however, get him remembered; and when you have little more than 36 hours to make an impression, then by God, you had better make some sort of impression.

Tell a good story, preferably something involving circus midgets and a goat.

Do something stupid. Remember stupid is always open to interpretation so let your imagination run wild on this one. When I say wild I'm talking wild like Amish people building a barnyard wild.

If all that fails, show everyone your third nipple. If you don't have a third nipple thank your parents for not giving you any weird genetic defects, but then pay some homeless guy to show his. Homeless people love that sort of stuff.

The point is, during rush week you are rushed (imagine that) to make an impression. You have to take every advantage you can to make people to remember you.

I wish I would have known this before going through because my approach was the total opposite.

Instead of mixing and mingling I played wallflower and reveled in my reservation. Yes, you can in fact revel in reservation.

But all that did was help me to come off as the creepy quiet dude; and when you sport a black beard and bear a striking resemblance to a 9/11 hijacker, you don't need any help in the creepiness department.

When I first meet people I try not to throw my personality onto them right away. I figured I'd come off a lot better if I just played it cool rather than running around like a fat kid at a buffet and begging to be in Theta Chi. Of course I also thought there was no way an ex-cocaine addict could ever be president without ever actually getting elected.

That's right, no bid. I'll pause for laughter... finished? No? Okay, I can wait. Okay seriously, quit it. No, for real, stop. Good to see that you got that out of your system.

Now, as I was saying. I wasn't surprised that I didn't get a bid from Pi Kappa Phi or Tau Kappa Epsilon, but I was expecting one from for Theta Chi. I hung out with them the most, even went to their ski party and went through all the necessary motions when trying to gain the approval of a person or persons.

I guess that was the problem though. All I did was go through the motions. Well that, and apparently anybody I hung out with during the week didn't make it to the bid vote meeting. Way to be one cohesive element guys.

In all fairness, they did offer me a chance at open rush, but that's sort of like a guy saying he'll screw a chick in a closet but he won't hold her hand in public. Besides, this was a one shot deal for me.

To be taken on as a sympathy bid afterward wasn't something I really wanted. I acted like myself the first time around and if that wasn't good enough for them then so be it.

Honestly though I don't think I cared about what I could do for the frat but more so about what the frat could do for me, and I think that it showed. I wanted the social connections and everything that went with those connections, but I didn't want to actually be obligated to a group, not even Theta Chi.

Bid or no bid I do not consider my rush experience a waste. I met many new people, some of which I still talk to and hang out with even after rush. I had a good time, ate some good food and saw a side of campus life I don't think I would have been exposed to, and the chance to experience new things should never be missed.

My advice to you, if you really want to know what rush is about, is to go through it for yourself. First hand experience is always best when trying to decide what's right for you.

And if you do decide to join a fraternity, or any other organization, remember you are a part of that organization and not the other way around. If something you're involved in causes you to lose your identity for the sake of the group's identity then it wasn't worth it in the first place.

Instead of ending this with my own pretentious thoughts on the importance of individuality and independence getting pretentious here with a rambling piece on independence and individuality I'll leave you with a quote from someone who's already said it better than I can. "To thine own self be true." Thanks Will.

■ *Andrew David is a senior reporter for the Current Sauce. David went through formal fraternity rush earlier this fall to get a firsthand look at what rush participants must endure to earn a bid from one of NSU's seven fraternities, which make up the University's Interfraternity Council.*

This article the fourth and final installment of an ongoing series in which David has given his opinions and observations of the rush events and his interaction with each fraternity.

This installment describes the final day of rush, bid day.

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Say what?

Reporting by Candice Pauley & Glenn Tillman, Jr.

Q: How did you like the SAB "Fun Run?
A: "The 'Fun Run' is a good idea to do something healthy and have fun at the same time."
■ Sonya Hall (left) and Danielle Warsley (right).

Q: How did you like the SAB "Fun Run?"
A: "We get a chance to show our true skills."
■ (From left to right) Marcus Pitre, Michael Hicks, Joshua Williams

Q: Did you expect there to be many people participating in and watching the "Lip-sync?"
A: "I expected a lot of people to be involved with things, but not really like this. There's a lot of people here."
■ Josh Flatt

Q: Do you think "Lip-sync" is worth while?
A: "Yeah. I think it's a lot of fun. It gives everybody a chance to come out and have fun together."
■ India Reuben

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EDITORIALS

Aliteracy for $100 George

"Aliteracy is tearing apart our culture. If you don't read much you really don't know much. You're dangerous."

These words were once spoken by Jim Trelease, a retired journalist from Massachusetts. Trelease is now a service to our nation's future, but not as a superhero or a famous baseball player or even a sniper (sorry I had to fit it in). He is a reading missionary; he spreads the good word of reading all across the land. Well someone needs and has to do it before it is too late.

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

Aliteracy is defined as a lack of the reading habit in capable readers or the ability to read without desire.

Some of you may not believe or even understand this but many Americans just do not care to read. I know of at least one American who happens to host a Natchitoches talk show who is, by definition, is aliterate. Yeah, you know who you are. Statistically, this is very possible.

An article titled "The No-Book Report: Skim It and Weep" written by Linton Weeks, a *Washington Post* staff writer, says in 1991 more than half of all Americans read a half-hour or more everyday. However, by 1999 that number had dropped to 45 percent. The same article also states that four of five Americans who can read choose not to read. A shame isn't it?

Louisiana is no exception to the facts. An adult literacy survey conducted by Lynn B. Jenkins and Irwin S. Kirsch for Louisiana gives the literacy rates for the state. The findings were released in 1992.

Each survey participant was asked to answer several questions about their demographics, income, employment, etc. and was also asked to spend about an hour responding to a series of literacy tasks. The participants were then graded on a scale ranging from 0 to 500. The scores were divided into levels and are as follows: Level 1 (0 to 225), Level 2 (226 to 275), Level 3 (276 to 325), Level 4 (326 to 375) and Level 5 (376 to 500).

24 to 26 percent of adults in Louisiana fell into Level 1. 35 percent of these residents had 0 to 8 years of education. 28 to 32 percent of state residents were placed into Level 2 on the literacy scale. About 30 percent landed in the next highest category, while only 12 to 16 percent found themselves in Levels 4 and 5.

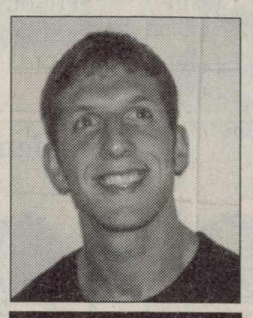
The literacy survey also states the average literacy proficiencies of adults in Louisiana is between 257 and 263-a whopping Level 2.

I guess the point I am trying to make, before any of you miss it, is read something before you publicly criticize it. And by the way, reading just headlines DO NOT count.

Words of Wisdom-Tips nos. 9 & 10

Retraction:

Okay, I'll admit that maybe last week's 'kiss my ass' statement was a little overboard. This revelation was reached after polling some influential people in my life-my athletic girlfriend, a few teachers and some fellow *Current Sauce* staffers.



Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

So to my uninvited critics, I retract the sophomoric response concerning the criticism of my writing, vis-à-vis 'kiss my ass.'

For those of you, though, who have already kissed my ass, don't worry, it was not a lost cause. I am prepared to offer the past kissers of my ass a refund. If you will simply present me with a receipt for the ass kissing and a Polaroid marking the event down in celluloid history, I will gladly refund the aforementioned ass incident.

Furthermore, I do not want anyone to withhold any criticism about my column in fear of blunt retaliation. I am open to any type of constructive argument people hold toward my column, which they feel could enhance or better its work of enlightening the masses.

All critiques, responses or death threats should be sent to sportseditor@hotmail.com where they will be read, meditated upon and answered. If you would like to meet with me in person, I can always be found in room 225 of Kyser Hall.

Tip #9: Well, the temperature has finally dropped around Natchitoches and don't it feel good. Yep, it is time to start breaking out those jackets for the trek around campus or attending a Demon sporting event.

But, hey…wait, what are you doing? Is that a high school letterman jacket? Sweet Jesus, man! Put that thing away! What do you think this is a big high school? Well, okay, it is a big high school, but some things are just too sick even for a college campus.

Surely you have a parka or a long sleeve shirt you can wear. No? Well, you just have to freeze because there is no way you are wearing that God-awful thing to class.

Do you want to be the laughing stock of Northwestern?

What school did you go to anyway? I mean, what school's colors are orange and red? Oh God, you lettered in band. This isn't even a real letterman jacket. Good gravy, your name is embroidered on the back, too.

I'm sorry, but for your own sake you are going to have to buy a new jacket. I don't care if your mom does say you look cool in it, she is lying.

Oh and by the way, take that stupid tassel off your rearview mirror.

Tip #10: Authority should never be granted to a person based solely on an individual's age, uniform or position. I state this fact because for too long college students have bowed down to university personnel because of those three aspects.

I'm not throwing away the need for authority figures because we all need somewhere to look for direction and inspiration. What I am saying is, we need to practice restraint in the way we hand out our allegiance and respect to anyone who appears halfway important.

What should be used then as a guideline for who has authority and who does not? Simply respect.

For example, I am a member of the NSU Crew, and my coach, Alan Pasch, is only a year older than me. But despite this small difference in age he is an individual I look up to and if posed with the order of 'JUMP' I would simply ask how high.

I respect Alan and others like him not because of their positioning or age; I respect them for their knowledge and impact upon my life.

Respect is the only true way to allow someone authority, basing it upon an individuals' impact, knowledge and respect for you. To give an individual authority over your life because they are older, carrying a badge or have a fancy title is ridiculous.

Why allow anyone power over you when you don't even respect them?

Letters to the Editor

Students request apology for editor's sniper article

We are writing in response to the editorial that was recently published entitled: "Benefits of having University Sniper."

First and foremost we are outraged by this tasteless and disgusting use of ill humor.

For the past few weeks tragic and horrific events have happened in and around the Maryland area. People have lost their lives for no reason and should not be made fun of.

These events should not be taken lightly for it can very well happen anywhere. The thought of making NSU a better place with a sniper is repulsive, disturbing, and down right scary. To use specific targets and body counts are inappropriate for any publication.

The fact remains that if there was to be a copy-cat University Sniper, *The Current Sauce* Editor in Chief, Kaleb Breaux, should be held directly responsible for any casualties for putting these evil thoughts into the minds of readers.

We are requesting a published apology to *The Current Sauce* readers who may have been offended by this atrocious article.

Arielle Kelly and LaSonna Frierson

Prove that God does not exist

Mr. Ryan Maxfield,

I am so sorry that you feel that minorities have their rights questioned at public events. However, if you are "truly" concerned with God, or Jesus, being mentioned in the prayers at sporting events, then do me a huge favor, make that a concern in every aspect of your life.

For instance, the scholarship money that you are receiving, maybe you should trace down names of all of the people who donated it. Ask them if they call upon the name of Jesus every night before they go to sleep, as well as, when they attend public events. Then you should tell them that you no longer need their services. If you are "really" an advocate for freedom of religion, maybe, you should check all of your clothing labels, find out if the makers of the clothes you wear attend church services on Sunday morning.

Brace yourself; some of them may even sing praises unto the only True and Living God while they are there. If you are "sincerely" concerned about minority rights in religion, I dare you to truly try My God for yourself, and tell me if he fails you. I want you to prove to all of us who know that there is only one true God, please prove that he does not exist.

I know, you are not concerned with what people do in private; you are only concerned with public violations, right? Well, that may be the case, but I still advise you to take my advice about trying God for yourself.

I am sure that in the end, you would rather find out that you have something you do not need, instead of needing something, you do not have. Jesus is someone to have.

Toccara Williams

Student declares *Sauce* staff his 'heros'

Professor Dennis, how dare you accuse the student body of engaging in "immoral" activity? Are you, a professor of engineering, so well versed in morality that you can arbitrarily declare sex - a biological imperative - immoral? Or perhaps you wish to turn university into your own little utopia. Why not? I'm sure there are plenty of ex-KGB agents looking for employment, and if you can speak Russian, we're in business.

I don't do drugs, Professor, nor do I particularly care to align myself with people when they're high. I, however, certainly don't consider myself to have lived such a moral life that I can tell others how to live theirs. I've never met you, but I'm sure you have lived that ascetic ideal. I'm sure you're not an aging baby-boomer staring from your high horse down your nose at those who do the same things you did in your prime. No, that would make you a hypocrite, now wouldn't it?

Sir, we all kill ourselves. Some eat French fries, some smoke Camels, some drink Scotch, some have promiscuous sex, some drop acid, and some even drink Natchitoches water. The only difference between a cheeseburger and a joint is that the joint at least lets you see the world a little more clearly before you pass out.

As for the staff of *The Current Sauce*, I think they're doing better this year than ever. They represent not only the interests, but the attitudes of the students. They're bitter and sarcastic - just like the students. They're also witty, lucid, and poignant - which, frankly, makes them my heroes. You may disagree with what they have to say, but they say what needs to be said. This university is a city in a snow globe, Dr. Dennis, and perhaps it's time someone shook the damn thing.

Chad M. Vicknair

Food services turn sour

Recently, students of the Social Work 3140 Generalist Practice III class conducted a survey on the satisfaction of dining facility hours. Currently, Iberville opens Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 10:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Vic's Café hours are Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 7a.m.-2 p.m. LeRendevous operates Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., Friday from 10:30-7 p.m. and Sunday from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Statistics show that 75% of the student body was dissatisfied with dining hours. Fridays and weekends seem to be problematic for students. Therefore, current enrolled students and future social workers are taking the initiative to implicate a resolution to extend all campus dining facility hours in order to accommodate the NSU community after 8 p.m.

We urge all students to voice your opinion through the Current Sauce editorial page or use the comment boxes located in each facility. With the University's enrollment of over 10,000 students, we can make a difference. We appreciate your help and effort towards this achievement.

Thank you,
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The 'G' spot exposed

Your favorite drinks put to the test

By Glenn Ward
Sauce Reporter

Drinking alcohol is one of the great American college past times, besides going actually going to college. Alcohol can cause you to fall in love in first sight. It can also cause you to fall into the realm of public embarrassment after realizing the object of your affection was really a stop sign and not a hot red head. In the context of living in Natchitoches, alcohol can be the friend that helps you forget you're attending college in America's no.6 six most popular retirement location.

The first watering hole I decided to intoxicate my body with was none other than The Body for no other reason than I wanted to use a pun.

The physical desires of my 20 year-old masculinity urged me to slide over to the dance floor and gyrate alongside the blonde and brunette scenery, but as a journalist I had an obligation to stay out of the strobe-light's pulse and simply watch the frenzy from my barstool. I hate ethics.

The bartender filled up a plastic cup with six ounces of Everclear and a splash of cranberry juice for color and told me the concoction was called the "Pink Punk."

Next stop was the Bedrock, another bump-and-grind establishment. The Bedrock has several house specialties: the Italian Valium, Blue Balls and Killer Kool-Aid to name a few. I tried them all but only rated the Italian Valium for reasons of brevity.

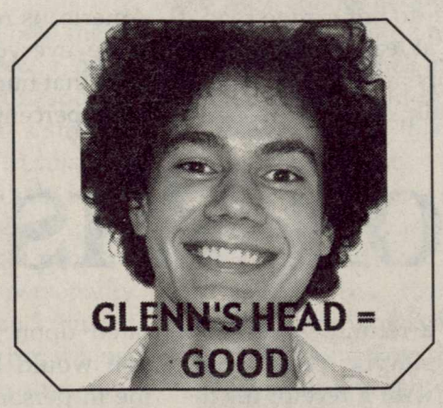
I stumbled into the Pinnacle next, and shot a Red Snapper and some other flavorless $1 drink they serve. Streamlining efficiency and lowering costs override petty concerns like taste and quality anyway.

I rated the Tiki Bowl at Yesterday's a week before and could not do it again. So then it was on to Sport-a-Pak.

Sport-a-Pak owner Dan served me a Rock Lobster, which is served at other bars, just with a different name and price. Actually, I think the Rock Lobster and the Red Snapper were the same bland, this-is-expensive-water-served-in-a-shot-glass drink

Next week, I rate condoms. Applications can be picked up in room 225 Kyser Hall.

Photo by Glenn Ward
The Tiki Bowl is a popular drink at Yesterdays.



The "G" Spot Rating System

The "G" Spot rating system is a numerical system by which Glenn rated different house drinks. The more heads Glenn gives, the better drink was. The rating system is

The Poison	Cost Effectiveness	Chest hairs added	Smooth?	Taste?	Confidence booster?
Italian Valium $3 at the Bedrock	2	1.5	4	4	3.5
Pink Punk Free on Fridays at the Body	4	4	0.5	0.5	2
Tiki Bowl $6.50 at yesterdays	0.5	4	2	2	3
Rock Lobster $3 at Sport-a-Pac	2	2	3	3	2
Red Snapper $1 at the Pinnacle	3	1	4	2	2

Fifth annual 'Run for Richard' to be held Saturday

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Saturday the NSU Athletic Association will be sponsoring its fifth annual 5K run/walk at the Walter Ledet Track Complex.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Richard Ware Scholarship Fund, which was created in 1997 to honor the late Judge Richard Ware.

The scholarship is awarded each year to an NSU Demon fullback.

Ware attended Northwestern between the years of 1967 and 1971.

During this time, Ware received a number of athletic honors such as the Demons' leading rusher in 1969 and 1970 as well as elected as Mr. NSU in 1970.

After graduating from Northwestern, Ware remained extremely active with the university until his sudden death in 1996.

"Richard Ware was a wonderful ambassador for Northwestern," University President Randall Webb said. "He bettered the lives of thousands of young people through his extensive civic involvement and brightened the lives of everyone he met."

Registration for the Run for Richard is $12 if pre-registered by Oct. 18, and $15 on race day.

This packet includes a t-shirt, a Homecoming football game ticket and a donation to the scholarship fund.

The race day registration begins at 8 a.m., and the race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Awards will be given for the top male and female runners. Refreshments of fruit and bagels will be provided.

NSU student receives crown as Miss Natchitoches City of Lights

Photo courtesy of Courtney Hornsby
Miss Natchitoches City Of Lights Jenny Corder

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

On Sept. 29, NSU freshman Jenny Corder participated in the Miss City of Lights pageant held here in Natchitoches. There she competed in the age group ranging from 18 to 24 and was bestowed the title Miss Natchitoches City of Lights.

"I am so overwhelmed," Jenny said. "Everything is happening so fast. Here I am making this huge transition into college then I'm fortunate enough to receive this great honor."

As a student of the Louisiana Scholar's College, Jenny has many other responsibilities. She is currently a pre-med major. Jenny said she is not certain which area of medicine she will study, but she is looking at pediatrics or neonatology.

During Jenny's free time she likes to play tennis and go running. She enjoys watching reruns of "Golden Girls" and "Designing Women." Her favorite movies include *The Mission, Gone With the Wind,* and *The Last of the Mohicans.* She also enjoys McFlurries from McDonald's and Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream.

"You can't beat a classic," she said.

The pageant consisted of many different phases of competition including talent, evening gown, two on-stage questions, swimsuit and an interview.

Jenny said she liked the Miss City of Lights pageant particularly because the interview was weighted more than any other phase of competition.

In the interview process, each candidate is given the chance to speak about her platform. The platform is an important issue or service that the candidate strongly contributes to.

Jenny's platform is "Honor and Service to Our Veterans."

Jenny has been involved with her platform for the past five years during her service to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in her hometown of Oakdale, La.

"My interest was first sparked while passing by a local grocery store one day where I saw a veteran selling Buddy Poppies," Jenny said.

"He had been there all day long, and he refused to leave his post, even to get something to eat, until the last Poppy was sold. His spirit of duty inspired my sense of duty to the veterans even though I know I could never repay the debt owed to them," Jenny said.

"I'm intent on helping as much as possible," Jenny said.

Buddy Poppies are little plastic flowers that are given to people who are then asked to give donations to the VFW in return.

Corder has since, been very active with the Oakdale VFW, and some of her activities include helping with Buddy Poppy sales, tending gravesites on Memorial Day, initiating a fundraiser for a veterans memorial and assisting in bringing the Moving Wall memorial to Allen Parish.

"Honoring veterans is more than observing Memorial Day, Jenny said. "It's actually going out and helping these people whether it's spiritual, emotional or financial assistance they're in need of. Just like they felt like they had a duty to America, now we have a duty to them."

Jenny will also have other duties. As Miss Natchitoches City of Lights she will have the responsibility of promoting Natchitoches through visiting other festivals. She also said that this title puts her in a better position to promote her platform.

Jenny is very optimistic about her role as Miss Natchitoches City of Lights. She looks forward to getting involved in the Natchitoches community.

"I am extremely grateful that the people of Natchitoches will allow me to represent them, and I hope to be a worthy ambassador," Jenny said.

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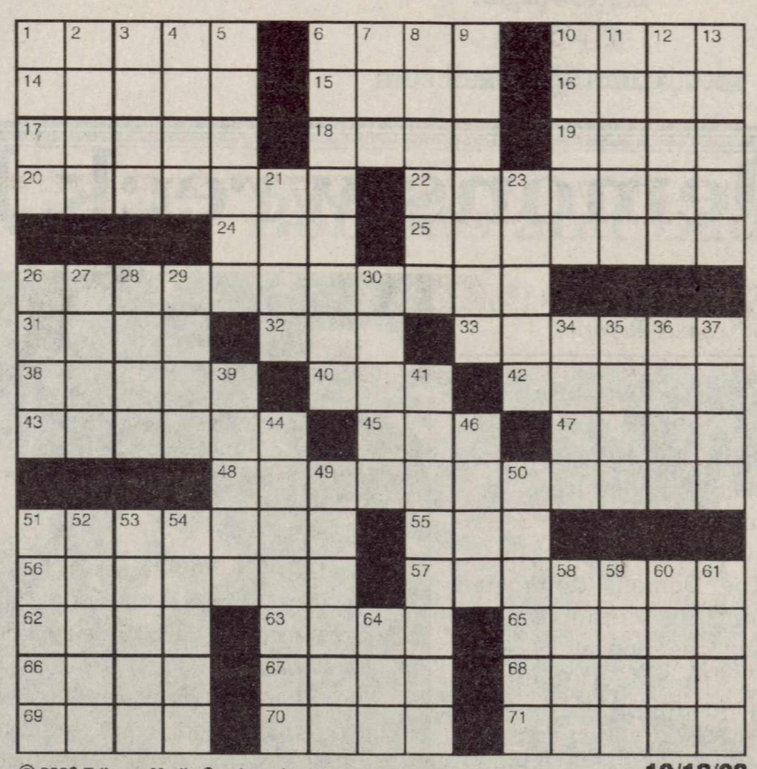

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Demons wreck Bobcats 40-27

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons got help from both sides of the ball as they thrashed the Southwest Texas Bobcats 40-27 in their Southland Conference opener.

The Demons dominated the line of scrimmage, out gaining the Bobcats 424-200 yards Thursday night at Turpin Stadium.

The Demon offense was led by a strong, balanced running attack from both starting running backs and the Demon's quarterback.

Derrick Johnese led the charge with his second 100-yard game of the season. He had 22 carries for 132 yards and two touchdowns.

Shelton Sampson was the second leading rusher with 17 carries for 72 yards. Demon's QB Kevin Magee posted a career best 41 yards rushing on 10 carries.

"We are a much better team than what we showed, a much better team," Johnese said.

Magee also helped the Demon offense by shredding the Bobcats secondary for 180 yards with one touchdown on 14 of 22 passing.

Magee spread out the passing, hitting a total of eight different receivers each contributing positive yardage to the Demon offensive effort.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
NSU quarterback Kevin Magee bobbed and weaved his way through Bobcat defenders Thursday for a career best 41 yards rushing on 10 carries.

The Demon rushing defense, ranked No. 7 in the SLC, held the Bobcats to only 98 positive yards on the ground. The swarming Demon defense held the SLC's leading rusher Lee Davis to only 59 yards rushing on 19 carries.

The NSU defense helped its offense by scoring on a 41-yard interception return by freshman cornerback David Pittman.

Also assisting the offense was Sophomore Carlos Stephens, who sacked the Bobcat QB in the end zone for a safety helping the Demons establish an early lead in the first quarter.

"The beginning was shaky but we are gelling as a team and we are improving and playing better as a team each week," defensive back Neil Ponstein said.

The televised game, which was seen throughout five states, was no disappointment as the Bobcats kept the game close thanks in no part to Demon errors. Punt returner Toby Zeigler miss played a bad hop on a punt in the third quarter that led to a Bobcat touchdown.

"I misjudged the hop of the ball, I was just trying to make a play," Zeigler said.

Later in the fourth quarter the Bobcat defense stripped starting running back Johnese of the ball and returned it for a 78-yard touchdown return.

"They led the league in turnovers, give them credit for playing hard the whole game," Demon coach Scott Stoker said.

The Demons shut down the late rally of Southwest Texas with a 37-yard field goal by kicker Tommy Hebert. The Demons boast an overall record of 5-1 and 1-0 in the SLC.

With their win over the Bobcats Northwestern State climbed to No. 5 in both major Division I-AA football polls Monday. This is the highest ranking posted by the Demons in two seasons.

Softball scrimmages this weekend, hosts pitching/catching clinic

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

New Demon softball head coach Eileen Schmidt isn't waiting for nature to bring about the splendid beauty of spring to get her team in playing condition. The falling leaves of fall will apparently have to do.

Schmidt will get to check out her new team and the Demons will get a better feel for their new leader when NSU takes on the Bossier Parish Community College Cavaliers and the Lady Techsters of Louisiana Tech in a weekend scrimmage to test the NCAA waters or grass of the Demon Diamond.

Schmidt

NSU (42-25 overall, and 22-5 in the Southland Conference last season) finished runner-up in the SLC softball tournament last season falling to the Southwest Texas Bobcats 7-0 in the championship game.

Although Saturday's games are mere exhibitions, the Demons are no doubt looking at this as the first step on the journey back to the SLC championship.

The Demons square off against BPCC at 11 a.m. NSU will get a break at 1 p.m. when the Cavaliers and Lady Techsters face off against each other. Then its back onto the diamond at 3 p.m. when the Demons get their shot at the Louisiana Tech.

Admission to the game is $1 or one canned good. The donated canned goods will be distributed to Natchitoches charities.

In other Demon softball news, Schmidt will be looking to find the next crop of Demon sluggers when NSU hosts a pitching and catching clinic Friday and Saturday at the Demon Diamond.

Friday's session will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday's session from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Camp tuition is $40 in advance or $60 on Friday.

Proof of insurance is required and all ages are welcome. Those who want to register, or need more information, should call the Demon softball office at 319-357-4234.

File Photo
The women's novice four boat coxed by Amanda Breaux rowed a 7:18.9 Saturday during the Chaplain's Cup.

NSU Crew begins fall season on Chaplain's

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern Crew just completed the Chaplain's Cup on Saturday.

The competition was designed to help the team get ready for the rowing season, which kicks off this weekend in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Chaplain's Cup served as an inner squad scrimmage which helped the varsity and novices alike get used to competition.

It was timed, had officials to keep track of the records and many other features that the novices on the team can not get from practice.

"It prepared me for competitive racing more than practice ever could," Jessica Callac, a freshman novice rower, said.

"The newcomers look really good this year," coach Alan Pasch said. "The group is big for the first time in a while. We have three full eight boats."

NSU Crew will travel to Knoxville on Saturday to participate in the Head of the Tennessee Regatta, along with many other crew teams, including in-state rival Tulane.

"Tennessee hosts it, and they're usually pretty strong," Pasch said. "But it really all depends on who you get each year, and who comes back."

With a strong core of returning rowers, and a large class of new rowers, the NSU Crew is looking to make an impact this Saturday in Knoxville, and throughout the rest of the rowing season.

"Racing season starts Saturday," Pasch said.

Crew Results

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Mens Varsity 4+	5:33.0
2nd Race	
Mens LW Novice 8+	5:50.3
Mens Novice 8+	5:59.5
3rd Race	
Womens Novice 4+	7:07.7
Womens Novice 4+	7:18.9
4th Race	
Mens Varsity 8+	4:59.6
Mens LW Novice 8+	6:06.8
5th Race	
Womens Novice 8+	6:47.6
Mens LW Varsity 8+	DNF
6th Race	
Mens Novice 4+	6:26.0
Mens Novice 4+	6:38.2
7th Race	
Mens Novice 4+	6:39.9
Mens 2	6:43.2

LW=Light Weight / (+)=coxswain

Greg Burke passes over move to SLC Commissioner slot

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke has decided not to consider the Southland Conference Commissioner position.

Former SLC commissioner Greg Sanke recently accepted a position as Southeastern Conference Commissioner, leaving an opening for an SLC commissioner.

Because of the opening SLC commissioner position, many think that Greg Burke would not only qualify, but would make an excellent commissioner.

Burke

Although Burke believes that the SLC commissioner position would be beneficial financially and professionally, he enjoys his current position as Athletic Director.

"My initial thoughts were that this would be a tremendous opportunity, but I enjoy working on the college campus every day and developing relationships with the coaches and athletes," Burke said.

After recently attending business conferences, Burke said that it was extremely flattering to have been approached about the position by individuals within the conference. Those ranging from athletic directors to supervisor officials were interested in knowing whether or not Burke wanted to fill the position.

Burke is appreciated and respected on the NSU campus as well. Associate Athletic Director for Internal Affairs, Donnie Cox, feels strongly about Burke's contribution to the NSU athletic department.

" I think it would be very difficult, if not impossible to replace him," Cox said. "He has so much energy and dedication, and he's a good fit to this university."

Cox also said that Burke is an excellent person to work with.

" I think that one of Greg's attributes is the ability to mix well with other administrators in the department and he knows every athlete on this campus by name, sport, and position," Cox said.

Burke said that he feels fortunate working with everyone in the department.

"I think everyone in every capacity of life wants to work with people who respect them," Burke said. "I'll quickly acknowledge that that level of respect is attributed to people that I work with everyday."

The SLC is still currently looking for someone to fill the commissioner position. Burke said that hiring a good person for the position is extremely important because of the outstanding job Sanke did.

"We feel fortunate to have worked with Greg because of the way he did his job," Burke said. " This is a tremendous hire for our conference and it's very important that we fill that position effectively so we don't miss a beat."

Burke said that he is content with his position at NSU and hopes to continue seeing success.

"It's all about liking where I am and what I'm doing and I'm still seeing some challenges that haven't been met yet," Burke said.

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Demons fall to Texas-San Antonio and Southwest Texas over weekend

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

With loses to Texas-San Antonio and Southwest Texas earlier this week the Demon volleyball team lowered their record to 10-15.

While playing Texas-San Antonio on Friday the Demons fell three to two, with UTSA winning their three games 30-26, 30-25 and 30-27.

The Roadrunners out hit the Demons .242 to .154 with Katy Barnett serving four of the team's eight service aces.

Also leading UTSA was sophomore Roxanne Calderson who had twelve kills and a .600 attack percentage for the night.

Junior Becky David made 12 kills for the Demons while Senior Christina Stone had 11 kills, 12 digs and a .310 hitting percentage.

Against Southwest Texas on Saturday the Demons let another win go as they allowed the Bobcats to win the last three games in a row shutting down the Demons 2-0 lead.

The Bobcats beat the Demons in those games 30-24, 30-24 and 15-11.

Demon freshman and Rio de Janeiro native, Flavia Belo led the team for the day with 19 kills, 22 assists, 13 digs and a .412 hit average.

Other team members with good statistics on the day, once again, were Stone and David. Stone had 16 kills and 19 digs while David had 14 kills and 17 digs.

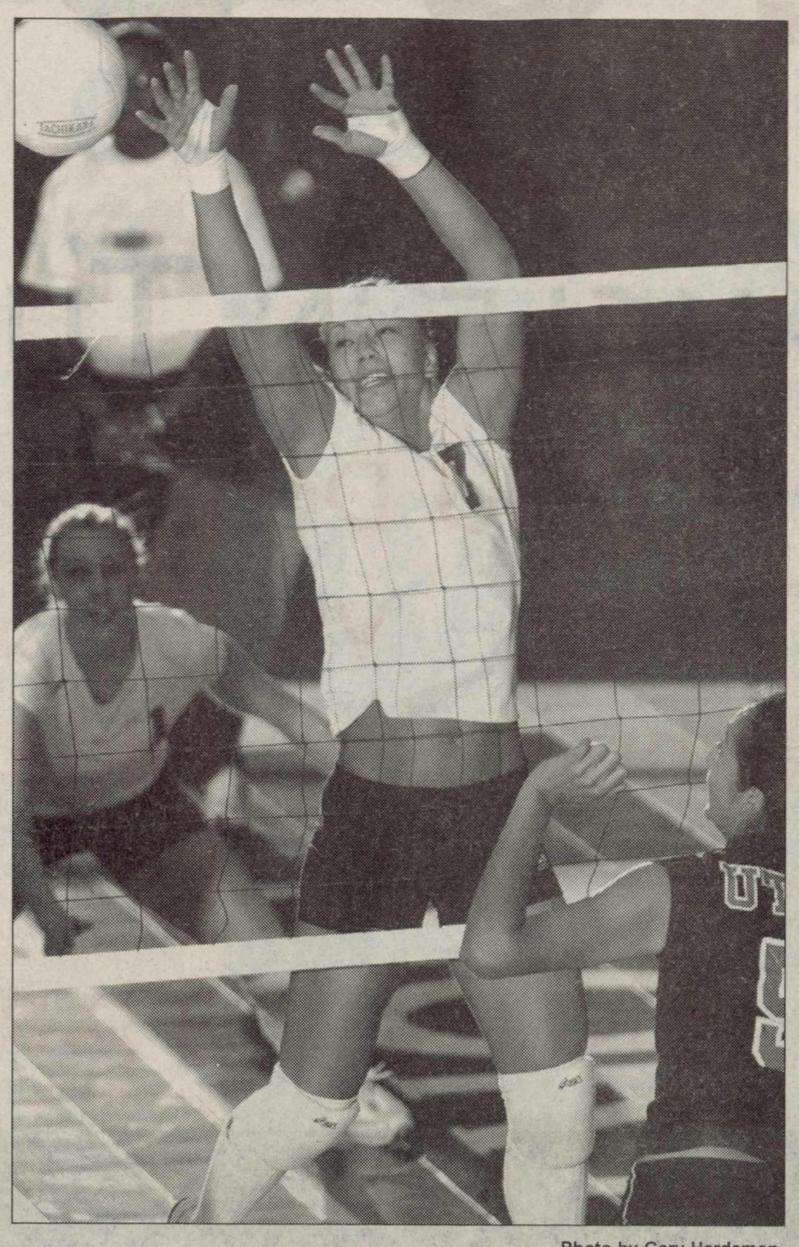


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Becky David, junior, goes belly-up for the ball against Texas-San Antonio Friday. David had 12 kills in the UTSA game and 14 kills and 17 digs against Southwest Texas on Saturday's game.

The Demons now have a 10-15 overall record and a 2-7 SLC record. They are currently ranked No. 9 in the SLC.

Over the next few days they will have a chance to bring these records up as they take on Texas Arlington tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the coliseum and Louisiana-Monroe on Tuesday Oct. 22. Conference play will continue through mid-November with the Demons fighting to regain position in the standings.

Lady Demons tie Bobcats and Lady Indians, face Bobcats again Friday

Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

The effects of a nerve rattling 1-1 tie against Southland Conference rival Southwest Texas (6-5-1 overall and 4-1-1 in the SLC) led the Lady Demon soccer team (9-4-2 overall, 4-1-1 in the SLC) to give up a late second half goal to the University of Louisiana-Monroe (3-10-1 overall, 3-3-0 in the SLC) on Wednesday.

The Lady Demons were also forced to compensate for the devastating loss of sophomore standout midfielder Brittany Hung to a broken foot suffered in the first half against SWT.

Although the Lady Indians of ULM have been lurking in the basement of the SLC they managed to test the Lady Demons once before in NSU's home opener when the Lady Demons managed to escape with a 2-1 victory.

If NSU's gritty girls of the green grass thought the Lady Indians were hard to scalp they'll be in for a surprise when they take another trip down the warpath Friday against the SWT Bobcats.

The Lady Demons and the Bobcats will attempt to settle a first-place tie atop the Southland Conference after the two teams took each other to the limit in a 1-1 draw last Friday.

If the absence of an offensive threat like Brittany Hung hurt NSU's chances of SLC supremacy against ULM, the Lady Demons will surely feel the effects of her absence Friday in San Marcos against SWT.

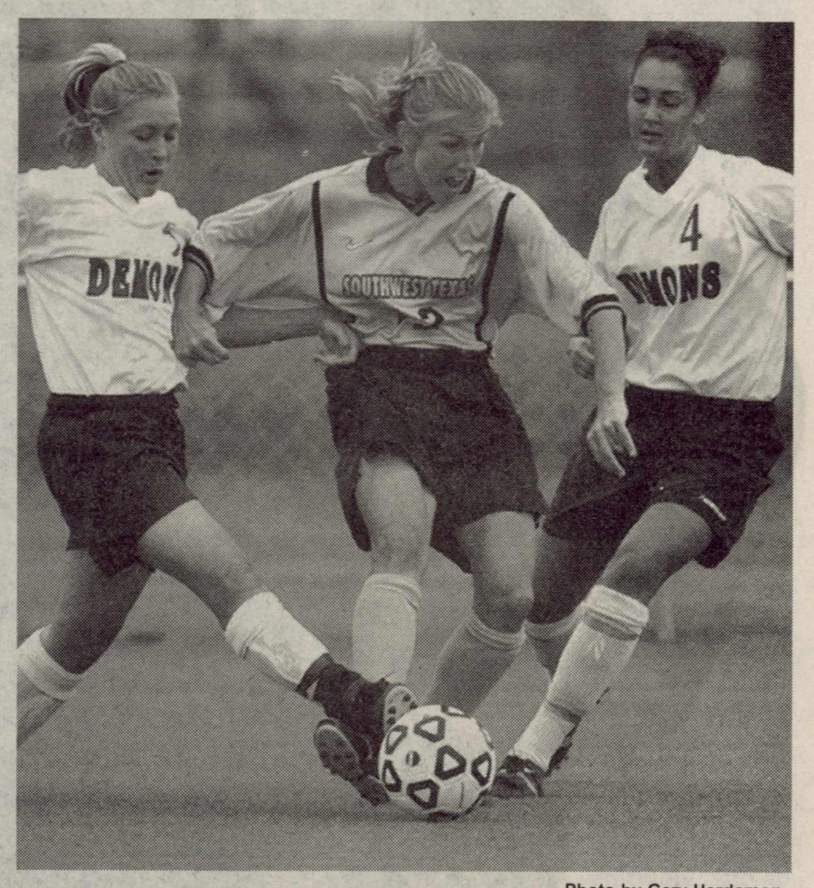


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Heather Penico (right) and Danielle Thomas (left) tag team a shrieking Southwest Texas player during Friday's SLC match.

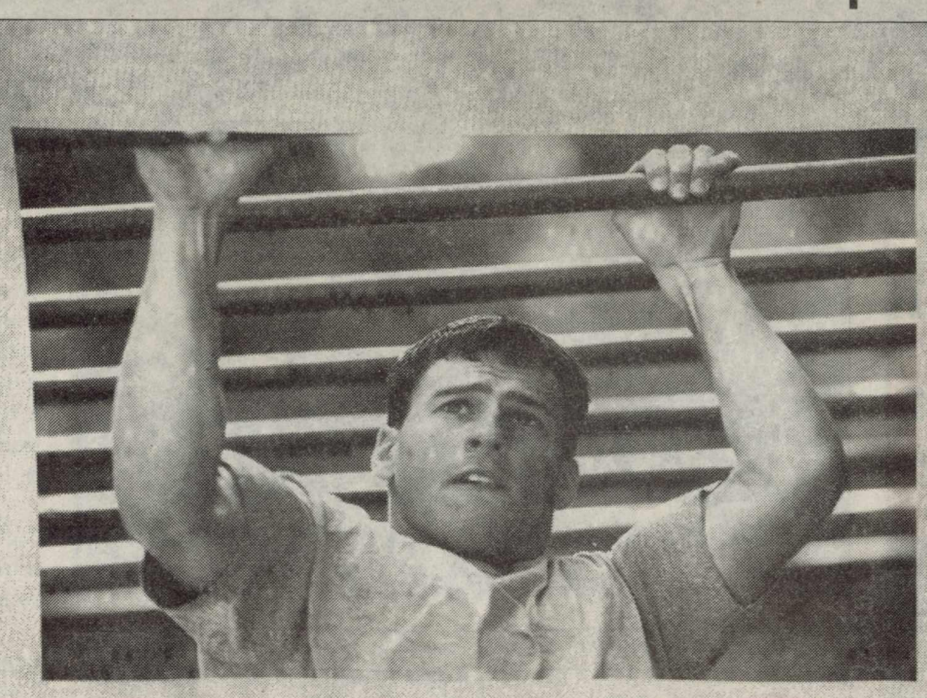
In order to fend off the hungry Bobcats, who will no doubt be looking to take any advantage they can, Freshman forwards Rachel Folk and Hillarie Marshall, who have nine and five goals respectively, will have to put forth the extra effort to fill the hole left by Hung's absence.

Perhaps the one thing that's more important than NSU scoring on the Bobcats Friday will be to make sure that the Bobcats don't score on NSU.

Lady Demon goalkeeper, sophomore Nellie Latolais, will need to have a performance like the one that earned her SLC defensive player of the week honors last week.

Latolais won't be in the backfield alone however, and her defenders freshman Tara Powasnik. sophomores Katie Priest and Jenniffer Brittain, and senior Jill Lowe will need to make sure SWT isn't able to slip in any last minute goals like ULM.

San Marcos, Texas will be the stage for a great women's soccer game this Friday. Hopefully, when the curtain closes the award for best performance will go to the Lady Demons.



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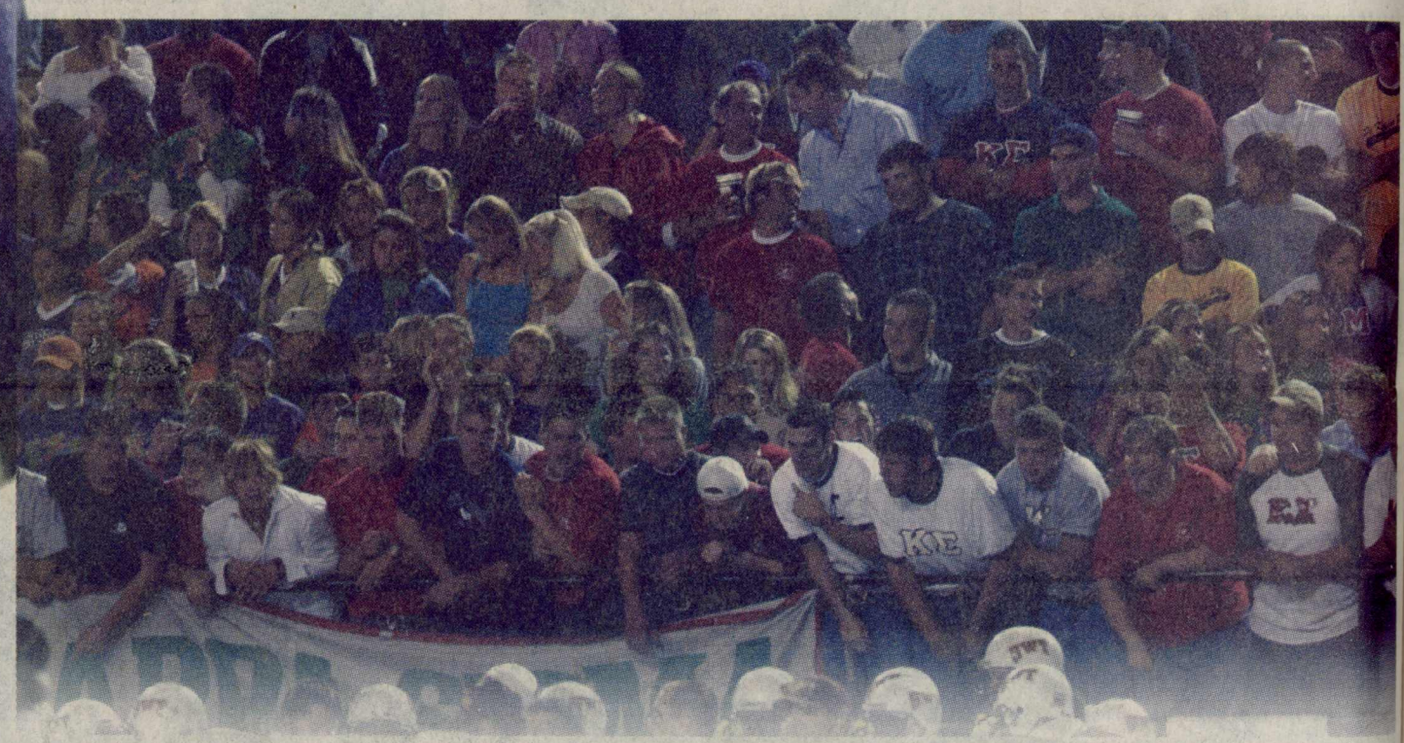

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Who cares about Iraq?

Protests, support spark campuses across U.S....

By James M. O'Neill
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA–College campuses, which served as key incubators for the antiwar protests of previous decades, are spawning a new generation of activists opposed to a U.S. attack on Iraq.

But unlike their counterparts in the Vietnam era, whose opposition grew slowly over the 1960s, today's antiwar activists, using cell phones and the Internet, are moving almost as quickly as President Bush.

From a petition-signing campaign at Haverford College and forums at St. Joseph's University to the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University students arrested after a recent sit-in, engaged students and faculty are prodding worried classmates to speak out in opposition to military action.

"I feel it's awful what we will be doing in Iraq," said Sarah Morris, one of the Haverford student organizers. That position, she said, "is not being represented in the media."

Not everyone is taking an antiwar stand. David Copley, a Penn sophomore and member of the College Republicans, said his group planned to write opinion pieces for the student newspaper in support of Bush's policy.

"I think the majority of people on campus are with us on this one," he said. "It's just a few extremists who oppose action."

He said most proponents of Bush's policy have not been as vocal as the antiwar students because they're not trying to stop something.

"It's a lot easier to be against war than for it," he said. "And we're not in favor of war, but we are in favor of helping the Iraqi people."

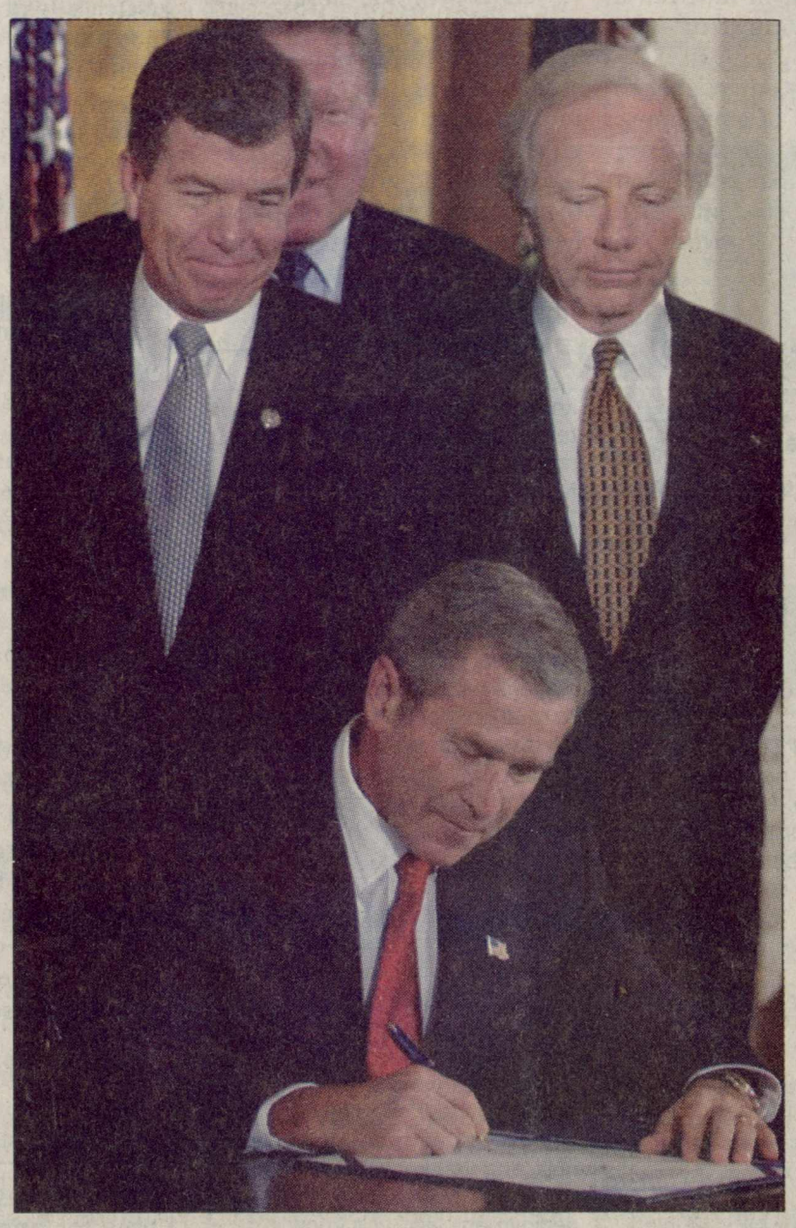

Photo by Steve Deslich/KRT Campus

President George W. Bush signs a House resolution Thursday granting him the power to wage war against Iraq as Homeland Security director Tom Ridge (left) and Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT) look on.

...but NSU students stay relatively calm, quiet

By Edward L. Boudreaux III and Andrew David
Sauce Reporters

On Thursday, Congress passed a war resolution authorizing President George W. Bush to attack Iraq if diplomacy failed. Hawks and doves have debated the potential repercussions of a preemptive American strike in the halls of the U.S. congress and on national media outlets.

On NSU's campus, however, students are uninformed at worst and indecisive at best.

Freshman business administration major Shakethia Dawson said she did not think that protecting the world from Saddam Hussein's regime was the real motivation behind the administration's cause for war.

"I think he's just meddling...just to be doing something," Dawson said.

Dawson could not, however, explain why she felt that way.

"I guess he's just trying to do what he got to do," Dawson said.

Freshman industrial engineering and technology major Keema Booker said that he stayed informed by watching news channels like CNN and FOX News, but admitted that he did not pay much attention to the announcement of the Iraq resolution.

Freshman general studies major Diedre Chevallier said she watches FOX News every morning in an attempt to stay informed. While Chevallier offered her opinions on a possible war, she ended most of her sentences saying, "I don't know. I'd have to be more informed, I

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Arts school head wins University award

From News Bureau reports

NSU awarded Creative and Performing Arts school director Bill Brent the 2002 President's Distinguished Service Award after 19 years of work at the University.

This honor has been presented annually since 1997 by the University's president to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to the university, the NSU Alumni Association and the NSU Foundation.

Brent, who is also director of bands, conductor of the NSU Wind Symphony and an associate professor of music, is largely credited with the massive growth of the University's marching band program.

Under Brent's direction, the band grew from 48 members to more than 300.

"I was shocked and humbled to learn I would receive this honor," Brent said. "There are many people at Northwestern who work extremely hard and deserve this honor before me."

Before coming to NSU, Brent was director of bands at McCallum High School, where his band was twice named in the top five in the University Interscholastic League State Marching Contest.

"I knew when I came to Northwestern that we had the finest facilities for the arts in the state, so I wanted to help develop a vibrant program that would enhance the university, the community and the region," Brent said.

Oprah 'crashes' Homecoming parade in surprise visit

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

Photo by Garrett Guillotte

A fan holds up a sign and poses with talk show host Oprah Winfrey and Natchitoches resident Peggy Plunkett Friday.

Celebrity can have its little perks. Just ask Oprah Winfrey.

NSU President Randall Webb welcomed the billionaire talk show host and media producer to the head of this year's homecoming parade less than an hour before its scheduled start.

Winfrey's unplanned parade appearance stunned not only much of Natchitoches but also Winfrey herself.

"I'm just in town for a visit and now I'm in a parade," Winfrey shouted from the back of a cherry red Chevrolet convertible, riding alongside Natchitoches resident Peggy Plunkett.

Plunkett invited Winfrey to town two weeks ago as an audience member on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," saying everyone in Natchitoches loves Oprah.

After surprising people in Front Street shops and a local restaurant, Winfrey visited Webb's house on campus and chatted with him and his wife.

After emerging from Webb's house, Winfrey posed with the Homecoming Court, signed autographs, took up purple and white pom-pons and a huge purple foam finger, and climbed onboard the parade-leading car.

Homecoming King Quincy Spencer didn't seem to mind giving up being at the head of the parade, rushing up to Winfrey's car to pose with her before the parade started.

"He's the king, it's his parade," Winfrey said, smiling broadly and wearing large dark sunglasses. "I'm just crashing his parade."

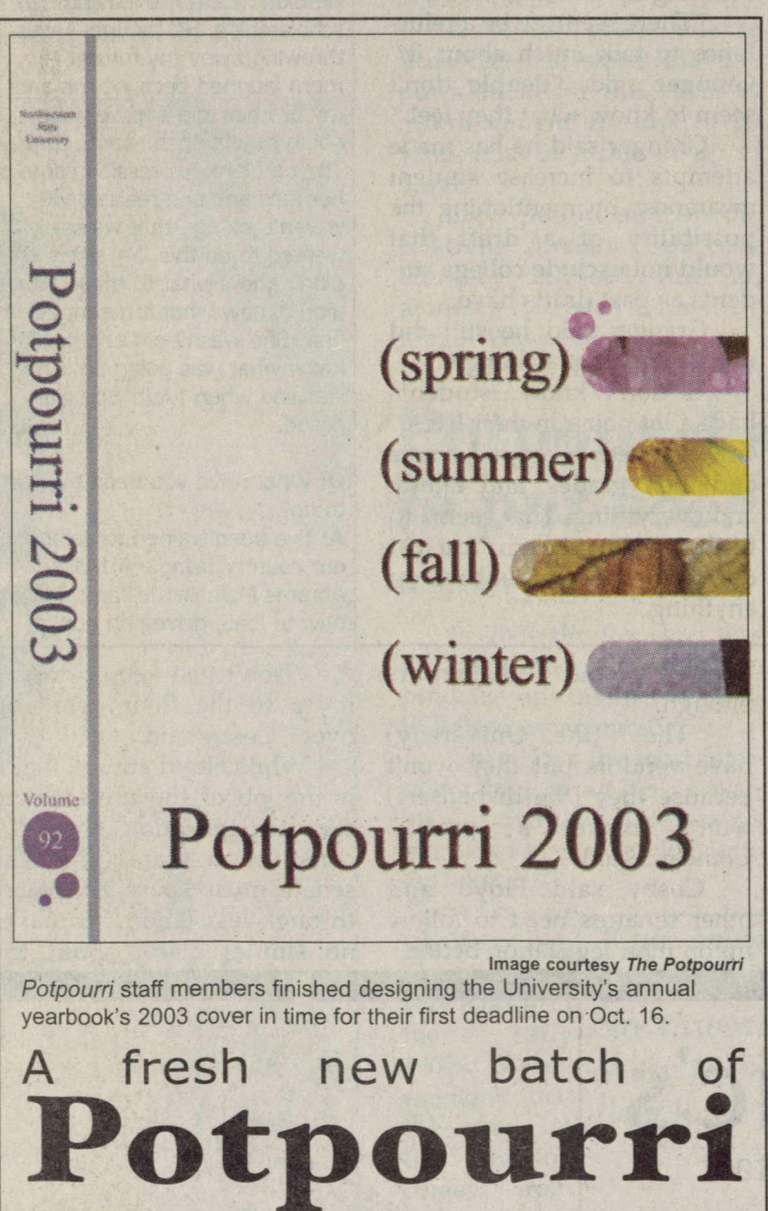
Homecoming Queen Laci Stokes was impressed with Winfrey's down-to-earth nature.

"It was amazing. We all got to meet her and she was so nice. She told us that she didn't want to rain on our parade," Stokes told the Associated Press.

As Winfrey traversed the parade route, parade goers–many of whom didn't know Winfrey was in town–reacted with shrieks of surprise, waves, shouts of "We love you, Oprah!" and the occasional greeting from folks in lawn chairs and porches calling out to her as if she was just another friend passing through town.

At the pep rally concluding the parade, Winfrey shouted out her support of the Demons. Webb, presenting Winfrey with an armful of gifts, emphasized how much the national exposure of Winfrey's visit can help Natchitoches and NSU.

"I want to thank you for making this the best Homecoming in Northwestern's history," Webb told Winfrey on stage at the Cane River lakefront.



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Potpourri staff members finished designing the University's annual yearbook's 2003 cover in time for their first deadline on Oct. 16.

A fresh new batch of Potpourri

By Katie Quebedeaux
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern's own keepsake of memories past and present, *The Potpourri*, will again come out in May.

Right now, the yearbook staff is hard at work to make sure this happens. The yearbook will feature about 300 pages, a new trendy and modern look, and in place of last year's CD-ROM, something students have never seen before, said editor in chief Josh Green.

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SGA passes 'feminine' bill for third time

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

For the third time in as many semesters, SGA senators passed a resolution to provide feminine hygiene product dispensers in women's restrooms across campus.

The legislation, authored by junior class senator Dustin Floyd, would encourage the University to add a vending machine to one bathroom in each academic building.

Embarrassed laughter accompanied Floyd's promotional debate of the bill.

"(SGA President) Stacie (Cosby) will fight a little harder than past presidents because she's, well, it's a she," Floyd said.

Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux said past efforts to enforce the bill failed because vendors do not believe students would

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NSU22 weekend forecast

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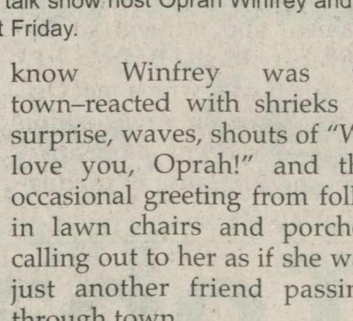

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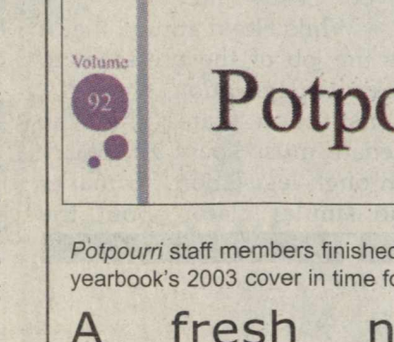

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Your books are e-late: Watson Library swaps paper notices for new e-mails

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

Watson Library is working on integrating new software that will change the way students are notified of overdue library books.

Under the new policy, the old notification letters will be phased out and replaced with e-mail messages.

Dennis Tucker, head of the library staff, pointed out many advantages to the new system. E-mail will reach students faster than a letter, resulting in fewer late fines. Tucker also pointed out that e-mail will be more reliable than the post.

"Students sometimes move and forget to give us new addresses," Tucker said. "We've had a lot of print notices in the past that have just not made it to the student."

This program was included in the new software the library received last spring and is not connected with the universities efforts to save money.

Though they will not be paying for postage, Tucker does not believe that this program will result in much of a monetary saving for the library.

"The biggest savings for us will be savings of staff time," Tucker said. "We can have our staff do things that give better service to the students than just stuffing notices in envelopes."

Tucker said that all students are assigned an NSU e-mail account that can be accessed from any of the computer labs on campus.

As of yet, the library has received no complaints concerning the new policy. The system has not yet been fully implemented due to some glitches.

Tucker did not know when the system would be completely fixed, but said that the problems are being worked on.

Iraq conflict hits home for some, not for others

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guess."

Chevallier also noted that coverage of the unidentified Maryland sniper may be distracting Americans from the threat of war with Iraq.

Sophomore Scholars' College Chris Hebert said that eliminating the threat of Saddam was necessary and that it should be done—just so long as he wouldn't have to do it.

"As long as Bush doesn't want people like me, or other students that don't want to go fight its all good," Hebert said.

Senior Scholars' College major Travis Clough gave Bush even less slack.

"Giving the president the right to go to war and keep troops over as long as he likes, I think it totally goes against everything that the nation was founded on," Clough said. "He's not king, he's president, and it's an asinine, idiotic thing to do to give one person that much power in a democracy."

Clough said his firsthand experience as an Army soldier during Desert Storm gave him a unique perspective on the situation.

"I was over there the first time and we could have done it (eliminate Saddam). We didn't do it then and it's too late now," Clough said.

Clough also spoke about the failure of the previous Bush administration and U.S. oil interests as the president's motivations.

"I think Bush has some kind of father crisis going on that he needs to get over," Clough said. "It's about the oil and that's what it's really about. It's not about human rights, it's not about anything else but the oil."

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> **Travis Clough**
> Student and Gulf War vet
> About Bush's war powers

Clough spoke with a uniquely experienced voice, but he was in the minority of NSU students interviewed who claimed to understand American interests in Iraq.

NSU political science professor Greg Granger said students may have difficulty bringing up the topic of war.

"There seems to be a reluctance to talk much about it," Granger said. "People don't seem to know what they feel."

Granger said he has made attempts to increase student awareness by mentioning the possibility of a draft that would not exclude college students as past drafts have.

Granger said he still did not see much of a change.

"I don't know...students have a lot going in their lives," Granger said. "Campus events and their grades, and family and everything. That seems to be their main concern. You just don't get a lot of feedback on anything."

Q&A with a soldier

Compiled by Callie Reames

Robert William "Bob" Hawkins
U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.
Age: 21
Hometown: Natchitoches, La.
Bob is leaving Friday for Kuwait.

Q: Why did you decide to join the Army?
A: The events of Sept. 11 brought about a new sense of patriotism in me. I decided I couldn't sit at home and watch the events of the past year unfurl with out a guilty conscience.

Q: How long have you been in the Army?
A: It will have been 10 months on November 2.

Q: What was your classification and major at NSU?
A: I was a junior math major with a 3.5 GPA.

Q: What was your family's initial reaction to your joining the Army?
A: My Dad told me I was crazy. He didn't want me leaving my scholarships. He thought I was throwing away my future. My mom laughed because me and my brother told her we were going to join at the same time. Then a blank expression came on her face and she realized we weren't joking—that we really wanted to do this. My sister, she didn't know what to think. She didn't know what it meant at first. She wasn't old enough to know what was going on. She was sad when I left. She was proud.

Q: What have you been trained to do?
A: I've been trained to defend our country using a M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank. I know how to load, drive and gun. I know how to fire a weapons system. I know how to run the radio. I know how to run the Nuclear Biological Chemical gear. It basically filters the outside air so that we can breath it. And basic soldiering skills.

Q: How have you mentally and emotionally prepared for this new stage in your service?
A: Well, I've been preparing for the past year. I signed up with the intent to go to war with Iraq if that's what happens. If the bullets start flying, we're the first ones there.

Q: What has the general atmosphere and moral been like at Ft. Stewart been like these last few days before you leave?
A: There's a lot of hidden tension, a lot of guys who are trying to hide their fears...You go to basic training, you know what's going to happen. You go to your unit, and you know what's about to happen. You go on a standard deployment, and you know what's going to happen. But here, we don't know what's going to happen. You don't know if we're going for a six-month training mission or if we're going to war.

Q: On a scale from 1 to 10, how much confidence do you have in the ability of the Army to keep you safe while achieving its military goals?
A: 20. I have absolute confidence. I've been trained. We have the best equipment in the world. And the men and women who stand beside me have been trained as well.

Q: Are you ready to give your life in defense of your country?
A: If it comes down to that, that's what happens. If I give my life for my country, that's the greatest honor a soldier could have.

SGA appoints Media Board student rep —

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support the dispensers enough.

"They (the University) have vendors but they won't because they (the dispensers) won't make a profit," Comeaux said.

Cosby said Floyd and other senators need to follow up on their legislation better.

"Don't just keep bringing it up to the floor over and over," Cosby said.

While Floyd argued that it is the job of the president to execute legislation, the SGA constitution states that the senate must "pass and carry through legislation." It makes no similar claim about the president.

Senators also passed *Current Sauce* Chief Writer Callie Reames' appointment to the University Media Board.

The board, which met Oct. 14 to choose an *Argus* editor, was two student representatives short because of graduation attrition.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Open table chess play

The Christian Scholars at Home Fighting Knights Chess Club is inviting all chess players to open table play on Saturday at 10 a.m. The matches will be held on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches. For more information call Jodi Harris at (318) 590-0132.

Student Activities Board

The SAB committee is still accepting applications. For more information come to Room 214 of the Student Union.

Emerging Leaders session dates for freshmen and sophomores are on Tuesday and Nov. 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive. All Spanish Club members will be accepting donations to buy the children in Natchitoches Parish Hospital Christmas presents. Any club member who has not received a donation envelope can pick one up in the Foreign Language Resource Center. For more information, see Comfort Pratt.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club encourages all Psychology majors and minors to join. Meetings are held in Bienvenu Hall in Room 305 every other Monday at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 4.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Drink/Think

Rick Barnes will present Drink/Think today at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information call the SAB office at 357-6511.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

SGA representatives did not send Monday's minutes in time for print. To review the minutes, visit the SGA office on the second floor of the Student Union, call them at 357-4501 or check their website at www.nsula.edu/sga.

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Pick-a-professor programs hard to pick

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

NSU's SGA has been involved in an ongoing process to make information available to students that evaluates their professors.

According to SGA Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux, at least two pieces of legislation have been proposed in the past to make teacher evaluations available to students.

The evaluations are compiled by the University in the form of student surveys, but the results of these surveys have never become public information.

The SGA proposed that these results be published and be available on file at Watson Library.

The Faculty Senate voted against this proposal on grounds of the professors' rights to privacy.

"They haven't presented adequate evidence for that case," Comeaux said.

Web sites that rate professors are becoming a common resource for American college students.

These web sites, including Pickaprof.com and Ratemyprofessors.com, give students the opportunity to comment on their professors and the classes that they teach.

This is becoming a high tech replacement to the traditional word of mouth comments that are exchanged between students before the beginning of a semester.

NSU's use of Pickaprof.com has been proposed as an alternative to a hard print published work.

Pickaprof.com uses a very complex system of teacher evaluations with charts and graphs representing the distribution of grades in a class.

"It breaks down grades and gives the professors a chance to reply. There are constantly people monitoring it," Comeaux said. "Every year it grows larger because it's user friendly."

According to SGA President Stacie Cosby, the use of Pickaprof.com would cost NSU $10,000 a year. This would come out of the student technology budget, which is $1.2 million a year. The Faculty Senate also disapproved of this proposal.

Another compromise that is being considered is having a professor rating system set up in the student portal of the NSU web site.

"Some people don't like this idea," Cosby said. "It would be run by the administration, and they could just take down any controversial material."

Ratemyprofessors.com, on the other hand, has no censors, and a professor's "sexiness" can even be rated.

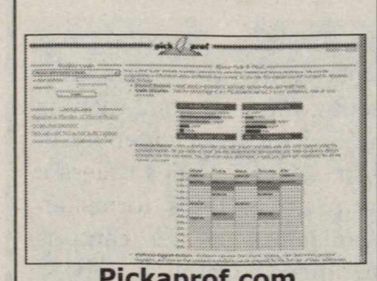
"You can write profanity, it's completely unmonitored, and you can even make up the names of professors," Comeaux said.

Ratemyprofessors.com is a free service, and all comments are completely anonymous.

"There's really no relevance to it at all," Cosby said.

Currently there are 45 NSU professors who are listed on Ratemyprofessors.com. Neither Pickaprof.com or NSU's website currently have any way of publicly rating any NSU professors.

Comparing evaluation websites



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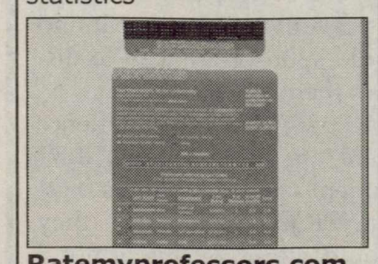

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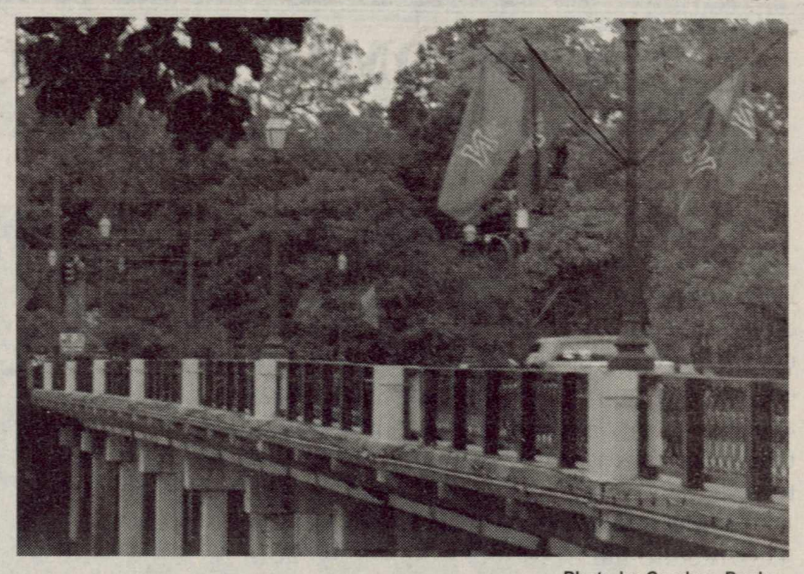

Photo by Candace Pauley
NSU flags wave over Church Street Bridge. City officials have complained about flags being stolen in the downtown district.

Who is stealing Natchitoches' flags?

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

On the weekend of Oct. 12, fifteen decorative flags were stolen from downtown Front Street.

The flags were red with gold fleur-de-lis and were put out for the Fall Tour of Homes. During the theft, many of the flagpoles on Church Street Bridge were snapped, constituting destruction of city property.

The incident has drawn much attention from city officials and the investigation is being handled by the Natchitoches Police Department.

According to NPD public relations officer Lt. Gary Swindel, the flags were valued at between $50 and $60 each.

If most of the flags are found with one person, felony theft charges could be brought against them.

A recent press release from city hall states that the punishment for this crime is imprisonment for up to 10 years and/or a fine of up to $3,000.

City public and media relations director Courtney Hornsby stressed that an amnesty has been offered by Mayor Wayne McCullen.

"They have until Nov. 1 to come clean," Hornsby said. "They can anonymously drop the flags off or just turn them in, no questions asked."

If the flags are not returned by that date, they will have to be replaced at the expense of the city. Swindel said that the police are talking with the city about ways to better protect the flags.

The city is considering installing new surveillance cameras in the downtown area. These cameras would be owned directly by the city and would better protect the area than the privately-owned store security cameras that they have been using.

Hornsby does not feel that the city is overreacting to the event.

She stressed that Natchitoches relies heavily upon the tourist industry and beautification efforts play a large part in that.

"Natchitoches is largely a tourist town and that brings economic development dollars into the city," Hornsby said. "By putting people in town to shop, eat at our restaurants, stay in motels, that impacts the overall quality of life."

If anyone has information about the case, they can contact the Natchitoches Police Department at 352-8101.

State English teachers to meet in Natchitoches Friday

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

A major scholarly conference will be held this Friday and Saturday in Natchitoches at the Ramada Inn.

The Louisiana Council of Teachers of English are gathering this weekend to hold their yearly gathering of K-12 teachers from across the state.

The plan of the conference is to hold discussions, lectures, and essays by various teachers. They meet to talk about better ways of teaching English.

"The primary aim is informing," Rocky Colvatio, head of the English department, said.

The Louisiana Council of Teachers of English is an affiliate to the Council of the Teaching of English, a national organization.

Through this, Colvatio said, it allows teachers at the state level to interact with national policy makers. In turn, English teachers can hope to learn national standards on the teaching of English.

"It is the first time we held a gathering here," Colvatio said.

The conference's closest stop was in Alexandria. The council usually meets in New Orleans where it will be held next year. Colvatio said, it is important to Natchitoches because it is a major scholarly gathering. Colvatio hopes that this meeting will draw other such types of events to Natchitoches.

"I can't speak on why they chose Natchitoches," Colvatio said. He continued, "I think they are trying to get it localized in North Louisiana."

By having it in Natchitoches, Colavito said there is a better chance of drawing not only English teachers from South Louisiana but also from North Louisiana.

The conference will be held this weekend at the Ramada Inn on the Highway 1 bypass.

Potpourri *staff hopes to put book out on time*

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In 2001 the *Potpourri* was the first yearbook in the state to produce an interactive CD-ROM accompaniment.

Green says the most interesting thing about NSU's yearbook is that they have always pioneered new technology into the book.

Almost 100 years old, *The Potpourri* was named in the early 1900s. Green estimates that the name of the yearbook comes from the word potpourri, meaning an assorted grouping of miscellaneous items—not the sort of potpourri that smells good.

> ***"Our main goal is to please the students of Northwestern and to show them a book that they have paid for."***
>
> **Josh Green**
> *Potpourri* editor in chief

The yearbook is published by Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas, Texas. For the past couple of years, NSU's yearbook has been featured in a special Taylor collection that shows off the best college yearbooks.

The Potpourri's staff is looking forward to that happening again for the new yearbook.

One way to ensure continued success is to strive for balance, Green said. He asks that organizations send in pictures of the student body engaged in activity rather than just posed for a picture.

"We want to get away from these group shots where you see 50 guys standing, looking at a camera posed for great pictures," Green said.

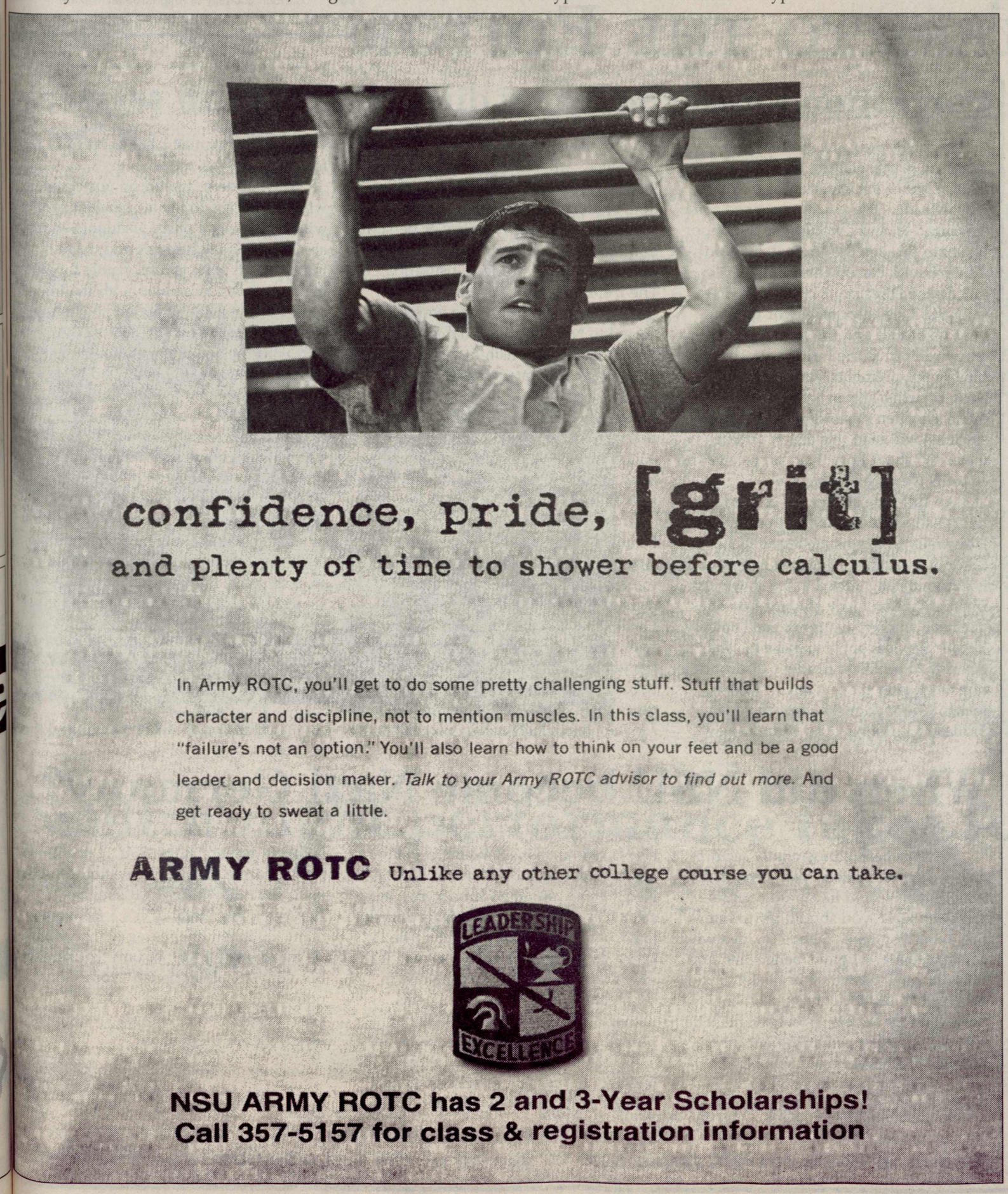
Students can pick up the new yearbook in May. The cost of the yearbook is covered by each student's association fees, which are paid at registration.

"Our main goal is to please the students of Northwestern and to show them a book that they have paid for," Green said.

For those students who are interested in getting involved with the yearbook, participation is encouraged even if the student is not a journalism major. Writers, photographers, and designers are needed. Scholarships are also offered.

"Some people may have never written a story in their life, and they come in and they figure out that they like it, and they write a good story," Green said. "So it's a good way for students to get involved in whatever way they can help out."

Meetings for the *Potpourri* are Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 225 of Kyser Hall. For more information, call 357-5384.



EDITORIALS

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UNCOMMON GROUND
As I see it

Dave Knox
Sauce Columnist

A couple months and seven columns later and what have I discovered about this university and its students? Not much I'm afraid to say! Well, that's not necessarily true.

I know a lot about the structure the University has set up to address current student issues and interests. I could also recite to you the state nondiscrimination's policy or a close facsimile of it since none of the university employees I spoke with realized that sexual orientation is not listed on that policy.

The catalogue states our University's policy as the following: "The University is committed to providing access to educational programs, tuition assistance, and social and recreational activities for all students without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, disability, or veteran status."

Despite all their good intentions, it is not the University's official policy to "provide access to educational programs, tuition assistance, and social and recreational activities for all students" without regard to sexual orientation, but I'll come back to this later. Let's talk about what the University does do because for all this university lacks, it does do a lot.

First, this university (from talking to various university leaders) has done a lot to address African American issues on this campus.

From the African American Leadership Dinner sponsored by the Student Union in the spring to the "available ear" of Miss Blake-Jones as the assistant director of student activities for cultural diversity, this university seems to be doing all they can or what is perceived as necessary for race relations on this campus. Do you agree?

Next, this university similarly has addressed women's issues on campus by raising Breast Cancer Awareness during October and sponsoring "Women's Health Week" in the spring. Do you agree?

The University has also stated plans for addressing ethnic issues with more programs for the International Student Organization. The University also has a "committee structure, open door policy and active SGA/SAB" to address any other "interests" of its students.

Well, that seems to be everything, guess my job is over...hmmmm. Am I forgetting something? Oh yes! Sexual orientation! Well, I'm sure the University has addressed this.

Actually, here's the part in the column where I make my enemies. This university seems to believe (based on what I perceived from the leaders I spoke with) that no.1 Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transexual(GLBT) issues are a fleeting interest, no. 2 there is no need for the University to address GLBT issues unless a group of students forms an organization on this campus and then it is their job to address such issues and no. 3 if there ever is an issue then they would hear about it and could sponsor a forum to discuss them.

First, from my experience there are quite a few GLBT students on this campus. Second, I'm pretty sure they would all agree this is not a fleeting interest for them. Third, how can the University expect a group of students to address issues that they themselves are unwilling to officially state as a nondiscrimination issue?

However, the University probably does have a point: Why should it address issues that its students have no interest in? Or do you? From feedback, or lack of feedback, I might tend to agree. On the other hand, what do I know. I'm just a lowly columnist.

If you have any questions, comments or topic ideas, feel free to email them to *NSUinqueery@hotmail.com*. Even better write in next week. You can email your responses or thoughts to *currentsauce@hotmail.com* or type them up and drop them by the journalism office in room 225 of Kyser Hall. Here's your opportunity to set the record straight--no pun intended.

Take time to give a damn

By Adam Parker
Guest columnist

As you probably know by now, Congress and President Bush both have signed a war resolution authorizing force in Iraq if necessary. This begs a question that I would like to pose to the readers: When did you find out about this resolution?

The sad answer is that many may have found out about this development a week and a day after the event transpired, in this very paper.

The point of this editorial isn't to spur you to one side or the other. The purpose is to try and stimulate some sort of response from what an apathetic spoke in the wheel of "democracy." It is impossible to be informed by watching Fox News and its backdrop of American flags and other propaganda designed to keep the average viewer believing whatever the gatekeepers of media deem to be important.

"Nobody is going to pour truth into your head," Noam Chomsky, a leading dissident intellectual, said. "It's something that you've got to find yourself."

It is simply too much to expect complicated issues such as the blatant violation of a nation's sovereignty to be wrapped up in a nice 30 minute package complete with whatever attractive news anchor you wish.

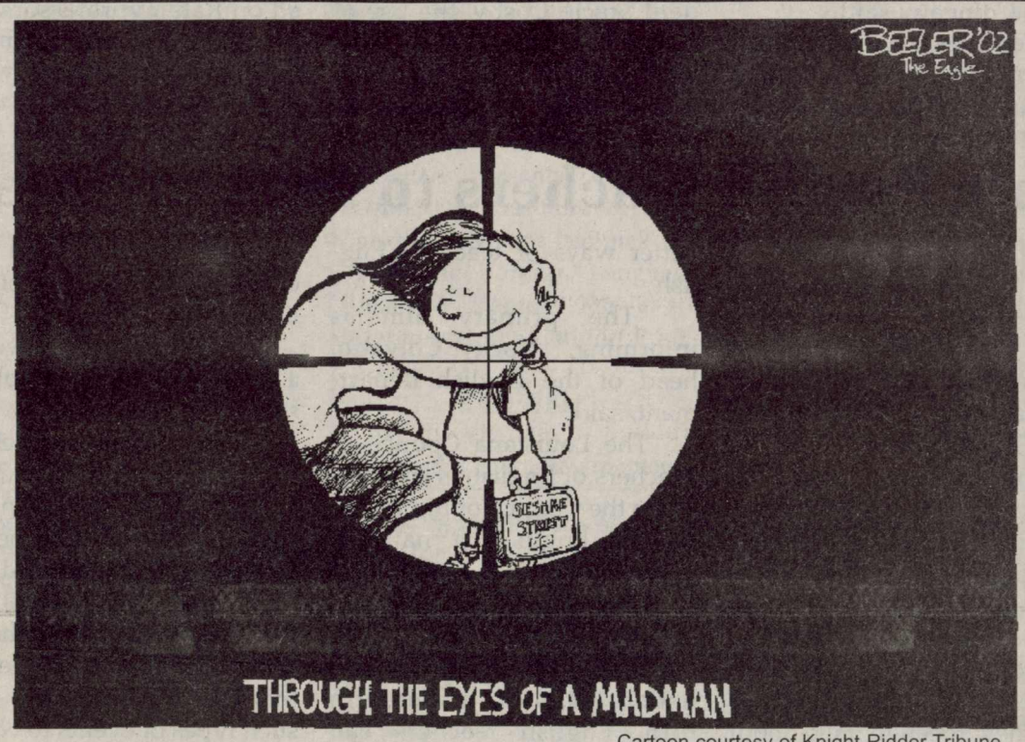
It is also a blatant disregard of the responsibilities that come with being a citizen of a free state such as America to keep the power of government in the hands of people. The people have a duty to remain informed, and to take advantage of their best asset in that regard, the free press that we enjoy in this country.

The press has the power to inform the public of the wrongdoings of the government. But I would like to pose a question. How many of you are listening? How much time have you invested trying to determine what the right course of action is in Iraq? Have you sifted through the rhetoric, have you examined the lengthy resolution in all of its legalese terms?

I have come to believe that unilateral action against Iraq is unjust. I have numerous reasons for my opinion, yet that isn't important to this editorial.

What is, however, is that I have an opinion. I have examined the news and the arguments for both sides, and I have come to my own conclusion.

With all of the freedoms that you and I take for granted everyday, I think it isn't that much to ask for everyone to do the same.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader takes offense to previous letter

I just wanted to write to let you know that I feel sorry for the people who hold such views as Chad Vicknair. I understand that it is important to print opposing views in the newspaper but it does seem that you place a lot more emphasis on articles that promote sex, alcohol, and other such topics. Why?

Believe it or not the whole world is not like that and the sarcasm in Mr. Vicknair's letter regarding Professor Dennis seemed overly defensive. Again, I ask, why? It seems that the Professor might have touched on a more sensitive issue than you'll let yourself believe. Perhaps sex is more than "a biological imperative", which is a concept that is almost scary to think about for some people. What if sex did have more meaning than just serving to fill a biological urge?

There are college-age people who believe this as well as striving to live a moral life (and having fun while doing so I might add), they just need to speak up more.

Peter Wingerter
Director of Students at the
Catholic Student Organiztion

Correction for the *Sauce* by director of health services

Recently, the *Current Sauce* published an article written by Kristen Dauzat about the experiences of Mr. Irvin Meade. The article contained some inaccuracies, and I would like the opportunity to provide the students of Northwestern with correct information.

As the Director of Health Services for NSU, I am responsible for the Student Insurance and the on campus clinic many refer to as the Infirmary. The eligibility requirements, services, deadlines, benefits, and proceedures of this office are often misunderstood. I hope students will read this article and be informed about how they can receive the benefits they are eligible for.

All full-time students, (12 or more hours) and students living in dorms or University Columns are required to have Student Insurance. The cost is $9.50 and is automatically added to fee sheets during registration. Any student that does not have student insurance can come by Health Services and purchase it. The last day to purchase Student Insurance is one week after the last day of fee payment. Check your fee sheet to verify Student Insurance. Any student may come by Health Services to pick up an insurance card and a brochure. The insurance covers ER visits, hospitalization, and out-patient testing. It does not cover physicians office visits or perscription medicaitons. No referral form is needed for using Student Insurance. The insurance policy is managed by GM-Southwest and is in no way connected to NSU or NSU's liability coverage. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that claims are filed.

Students should also check their fee sheet to verify the Health Services charge. The cost is $35.00 per semester. All on campus students are required to have Health Services and it is automatically added to their fee sheet. Any student living off campus can elect to add Health Services during fee payment. After fee payment, students have one week to visit Health Services and request our services. The nurses at Health Services will see eligible students and if needed will refer them to a contracted physician. The student is required to pay a $10.00 co-pay per office visit. However, students may only see the physician that has a contract with NSU, and must have a referral form signed by a nurse.

Any student injured on our campus will be directed to file an incident report with University Police. Incident reports are used to track hazards and do not indicate that NSU is responsible for the injury or costs associated with the injury.

In the article mentioned above, the student expected to have his medical bills paid by NSU. The student was not injured. He had an illness, and NSU is not responsible for the illnesses of students, faculty, or staff.

If an accident occurs on campus, students are encouraged to file an incident report with University Police. This report may then be forwarded to the Office of Risk Management to determine of there is any liability by the University.

I hope this clears up some confusion, and will help students to understand how to help themselves when they need to utilize Student Insurance or Health Services. If anyone needs more information I am available to assist.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Campbell, RN,C
Director of Health Service

When did NSU become Nazi Germany?

Toccara,

Perhaps before passionatly reciprocating a perfectly good point and making yourself sound like a judgmental, arrogant bigot, you should try to interpret what you read. I have no idea what Mr. Maxfield's religious beliefs are, and I do not care. Nowhere in his letter did he insult "your One Living God" or even state his beliefs. However, his letter was a well organized argument for the fact that the prayers said at football games aren't fair to those who don't believe in "your God". Who are you to claim that you're right and everybody else is wrong? Does "your God" not teach tolerance and understanding? Not that it's any of your business, but I am a Christian. You probably wouldn't know it if you met me, but it's true...it's just a very personal matter to me. Jesus says that you should "pray alone in your chamber". I don't think this includes football games, t-shirts, or bumper stickers. WWJD bracelets are some of the most offensive peices of jewelery to me. My religion isn't a "cheese-fest" I use to make me fit in with a certain crowd so I can attend spagetti dinners at the BSU. I don't use it to decorate my car or my clothes. Jesus isn't my "coach". It's more improtant than that. If it's a fad you want, go to American Eagle. Have a little more respect for not only your peers, but yourself. Don't push "your God" onto other people, He's "YOUR God"...maybe some people aren't interested. Leave them alone.

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NSU graduate finds solo music success

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University alumnus and former Louisiana Scholars' College student Wendy Lorraine Colonna is an uprising solo musician in Austin.

Colonna is a native of Lake Charles, La. She began singing at seven years old and continued in the church and school choirs.

During her high school years Colonna was in a rock band and kept her dream of being in the music industry.

Colonna attended NSU on a Scholars' College scholarship.

"I loved Scholars' because it nourished the artistic side of me, especially in writing," Colonna said.

Colonna chose liberal arts as her focus in college. She credits most of her musical inspiration to the literature she read throughout college.

"One book that I read to lift my spirits is *The Temple of My Familiar* by Alice Walker. I love Alice Walker," Colonna said.

During her sophomore year, Colonna began playing with singer/song writer Hannah Vincent. The two formed the group Wendy and Hannah.

In 1997, Colonna and Vincent recorded the CD, "Girls of Stone" after being discovered by TP Records in Lake Charles during the jazz festival. Though Colonna and Vincent created separate CD's they still performed on one another's projects.

After recording half of "Girls of Stone", Colonna moved to the Netherlands and spent the next year in school and traveling to various places such as Europe and South Africa.

"Girls of Stone" was completed after recording in Lafayette, La and in Lake Charles and was released in 2000.

"At first I didn't like Natchitoches because it was so small. Natchitoches became very supportive in my music career," Colonna said.

Colonna graduated from NSU in 1999. She moved to Austin to begin her solo music career in 2000. Colonna's career as a solo artist did not begin easy. "It is always a struggle, always work, but it is good work."

Within the last two years, Colonna has continued to stay focused on making her audience feel good through the positive and negative moments of her career.

"In music, if you want to be a successful writer, pay respect to traditional value," Colonna said.

Colonna will be in an acoustics show in Lake Charles next Thursday. She also has plans for a new album entitled "Red".

"I chose the name red because I was feeling very fiery. I feel very alive and ready to make a change," Colonna said. She will also be working with various musicians in Austin.

Outside of her career, Colonna has an interest in yoga and environmental groups. Colonna is currently working with the Texas Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition in support of clean air and water. Colonna also enjoys traveling to various places.

"If I had to end up anywhere it would be in Northern California because of the environmental climate. But, I would love to live everywhere," Colonna said.

Colonna also said that her career has taken her to surprising places. She pushes harder each day and strives to inspire her audience with her music.

"My advice to the artist is to really love your practice and nurture your artistic child. Have a strong stomach and heart. Get ready for some serious action, and always be ready to loss to win."

For more information on Colonna or to listen to her music, go to www.wendycolonna.com.

Photos courtesy www.wendycolonna.com
Above: Wendy poses for her upcoming album "Red."
Right: Wendy crouches with her guitar
Below: The album cover to "Red."

ΔΣΘ sorority hosts Breast Cancer program

By Linda D. Held
Sauce Reporter

Breast cancer survivor Karen Kilpatrick spoke at a Breast Cancer Awareness Month program hosted by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in the President's Room of the Student Union Monday at 6:13 p.m.

Kilpatrick gave many facts and statistics about breast cancer, as well as her personal testimony regarding her fight with this potentially and often times deadly disease.

Within the span of nine months Kilpatrick endured her share of pain and emotional bankruptcy. She went through brain surgery for a nerve disease two months before finding out she had cancer.

Two months after surgery Kilpatrick found out she had breast cancer. As her cancer progressed, she was unable to attend her sister's funeral because of the cancer treatments.

"You're emotionally devastated when you hear that word cancer," Kilpatrick said. But Kilpatrick credits an already "good foundation with Christ" as her strength to fight the onslaught of adversity as well as her breast cancer.

"He just had things for me to do and I was not gonna check out early," Kilpatrick said.

Every morning, she would go to her quiet place and ask for God to send her guidance through scripture, Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick would take those scriptures and put them in a journal, reflecting on the significance of that scripture.

She would also send those verses to friends that supported her during the fight against cancer.

Kilpatrick closed her testimony by having everyone in the room gather in a circle for a small candle lighting ceremony in memory of those family and friends battling cancer.

Tears flowed freely as each person named a family member or close friend suffering from this disease. When the last candle was lit, Kilpatrick said a prayer for the members of the circle as well as those mentioned.

Judith Hayes, Delta Sigma Theta faculty sponsor, told Kilpatrick when the room had settled once again that a testimony is not something that anyone keeps to themselves. It's something that anyone shares so that they would feel the pain and maybe help others to share testimonies.

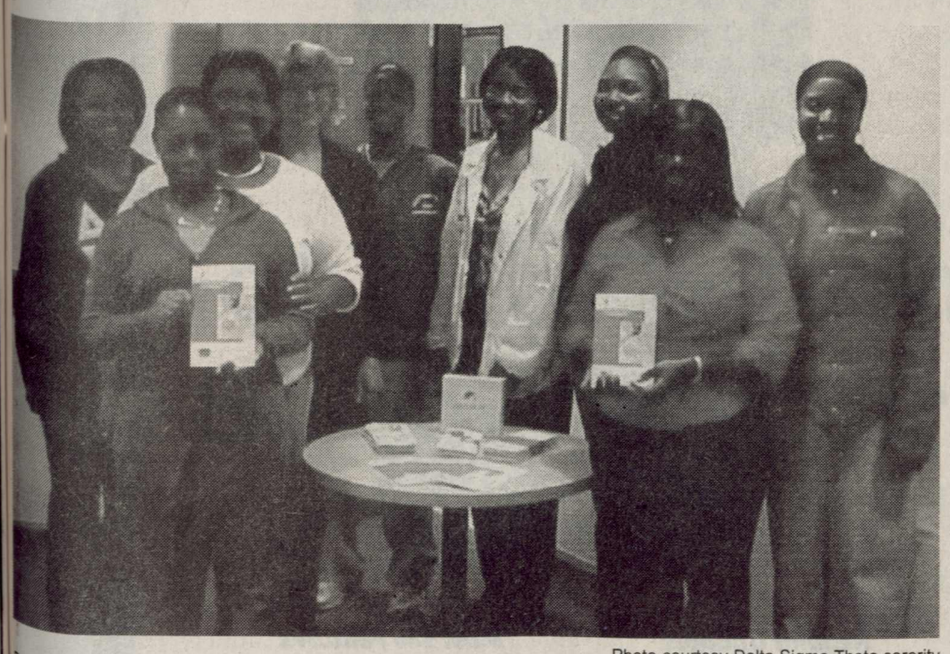

Photo courtesy Delta Sigma Theta sorority
Delta Sigma Theta members pose with guest speaker Karen Kilpatrick (located 4th from left).

■Oral contraceptives may cause a slight increase in breast cancer risk; however 10 years after discontinuing use of oral contraceptives the risk is the same as for women who never used the pill.

■You are never too young to develop breast cancer. Breast self-exams should begin by the age of 20.

■71 percent of black women diagnosed with breast cancer experience a five-year survival rate, while 86 percent of white women experience five-year survival.

Information available:
http://womenshealth.about.com/library/weekly/aa080798.htm

Godstock

Battle of the bands concert

By Karen Patriquin
Sauce Reporter

Got God?

Woodstock might be long gone, but Godstock rocks on!

Godstock brings Christian bands from all over the south to our school.

The battle of the bands is scheduled for this Saturday at noon.

Godstock will be held in the practice football field near Prather Coliseum.

The concert will last from noon until 10 p.m. $7 dollars will get you in the gate, and all proceeds go to The Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation has been granting children with life-threatening illnesses wishes for over 20 years.

There will be two stages set up so while one band is playing the other will be setting up.

The music will be continuous throughout the day except for the 4 p.m. break. Food and merchandise will also be available at the concert.

Schedule of events:
Noon – LDP
12:40 p.m. – Wimp
1:20 p.m. – East Maggie
2 p.m.– Fleshkill
2:40 p.m.– Neverknown
3:20 p.m.– Dead to Live
4 p.m.– Break, Speaker, and a few words about the Make a Wish Foundation
5:20 p.m.– Stage 6
6 p.m.– Agent Yellow
6:40 p.m.– 33 Seven
7:20 p.m.– Rivers Indiana
8 p.m.– Proofrock
8:40 p.m.– Moss Eisley
9:30 – Closing words

Twelfth night performance takes full house

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

Dr. Jack Wann directed NSU's theater department in its rendition of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night last week to full houses.

Twelfth Night is a Shakespearean comedy with mistaken identities and misplaced love interests. The cast did an excellent job of brining the written word to life and captivating the audience.

Junior Jessica Marasco dominated the stage with her strong performance of Viola. Through an excellent use of both wardrobe and makeup Marasco was able to convincingly play the role of the male emissary of her lord, Orsino played by senior Joshua Laird.

Marasco posed as a male to win the favor of Laird's Orsino. Marasco used expressions and body language to convince the audience that she truly pined for Laird's character.

Marasco's Viola was supposed to be winning Olivia played by Caroline J. Bolter to Laird. However, Bolter's character fell in love with Marasco's character presenting a most humorous position for them both.

Bolter's character developed persuasively from a cold distant ruler, to a warm love filled benevolent ruler.

Senior James Palmer played the fool Feste and had the audience in stitches with his comical songs and dances. Levi Petree played Toby, the drunken uncle to Bolter's Olivia. Junior Kristen Jones played the cheerful and mischievous chambermaid Maria.

The show was stolen by Adam-Louis Breaux's character Malvolio. Breaux's character was the butt of a series of pranks by Palmer's, Petree's, and Jones' characters.

Breaux's stage antics captivated the audience and made his disappearance from the stage a disappointing occurrence. However, each time Breaux reappeared he rewarded the audience for its patience and the performance hall echoed with laughter.

NSU's next theatrical performance is the Laramie Project on Nov. 14-22 in Theatre West.

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Annual fall concert and chamber choir showcased to reflect musical diversity

Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University's Department of Creative and Performing Arts presented its annual fall concert for the University Concert Choir and the Northwestern Chamber choir at the Magale Recital Hall this past Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Burt Allen conducted the concert, which featured pianist Betsy Widhalm who is an adjunct faculty member. The concert also featured tenor Michael Rorex and cellist Richard Rose, both of the Creative and Performing Arts faculty.

The concert showcased a compilation of songs from various genres of music: Early 20th century compositions, American, Irish, Jamaican, Russian, and Finnish folk music, and several Latin composition. A few pieces were sung in a cappella (sung without instrumentation).

The objective of the performance was to broaden listener horizons in terms of musical genres and to leave them with a sense of diversity among genres.

The concert was free to all who attended.

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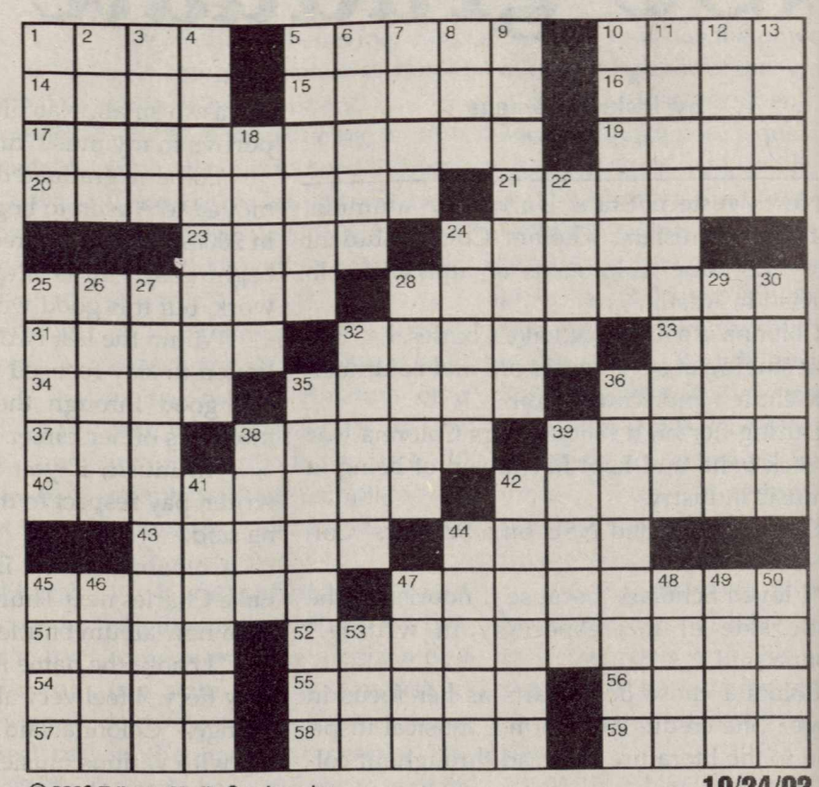

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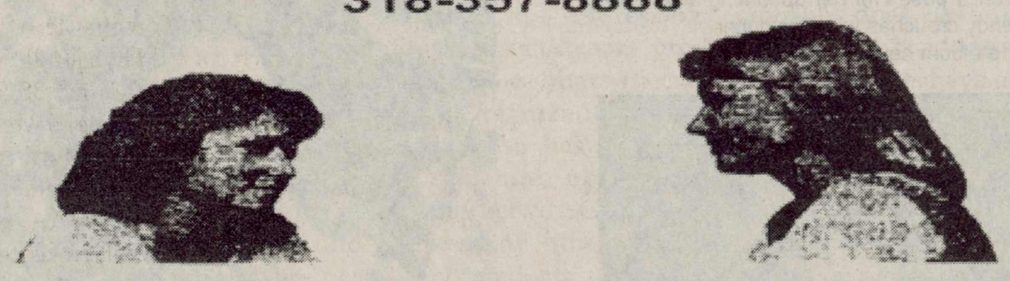

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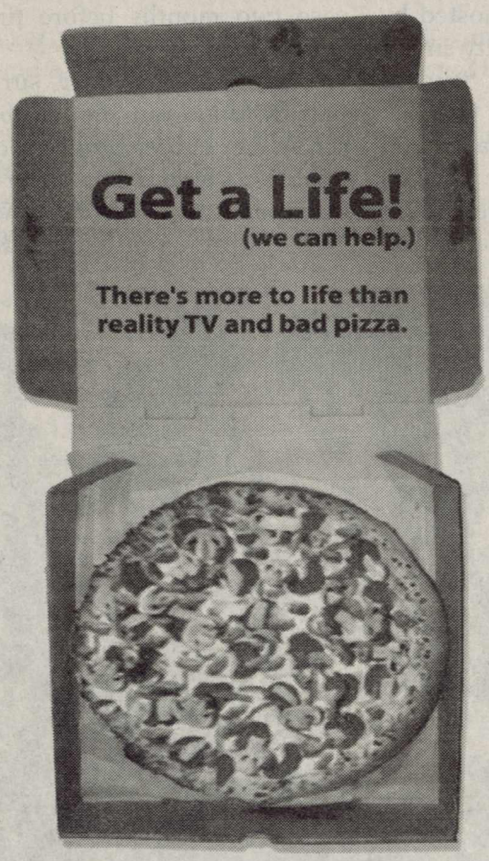

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SPORTS

NSU Crew varsity makes fair showing at Ten., Buoy impedes higher rankings

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demon Crew team participated in the Head of the Tennessee Regatta on Saturday, in Knoxville, Ten.

Northwestern had a good showing in the event and built some momentum for the Pumpkin Head Regatta this weekend.

"It was the best showing we've had as a team in a few years," coach Alan Pasch said. "If you threw out the buoy penalty, we were top five in every event."

Lauren O'Kelly, the varsity men's 8+ coxswain, accidentally steered the boat into a buoy during the heat, which incurred a 60 second penalty added to their time.

"If something like that happens, I tell the coxswains to make sure that they learn from it, which I think they did," Pasch said. "The coxswains did well, it was a learning experience."

"Each boat was really proud of their performance. We placed better in this race than ever before," varsity men's captain Seth Fornea said.

"We were probably in the top third or fourth of the competition. Tulane had a strong showing, and Georgia Tech was the best I've ever seen them," Pasch said.

NSU's strong showing at the competition gave one reason to be optimistic about the crew's future.

"I definitely see NSU rising to the level of Tulane," Fornea said. "With the attitude and competitive spirit on this team, we'll be there soon enough."

The Demons travel to the Pumpkin Head Regatta this weekend with more experience and a sense of confidence. The Pumpkin Head Regatta takes place in Austin on Saturday.

Head of the Tennessee Regatta Results

Men's LW Varsity 4+
4th place - 18.15.78

Men's Varsity 4+
5th place - 17.57.22

Men's Varsity 8+
10th place - 16.32.58
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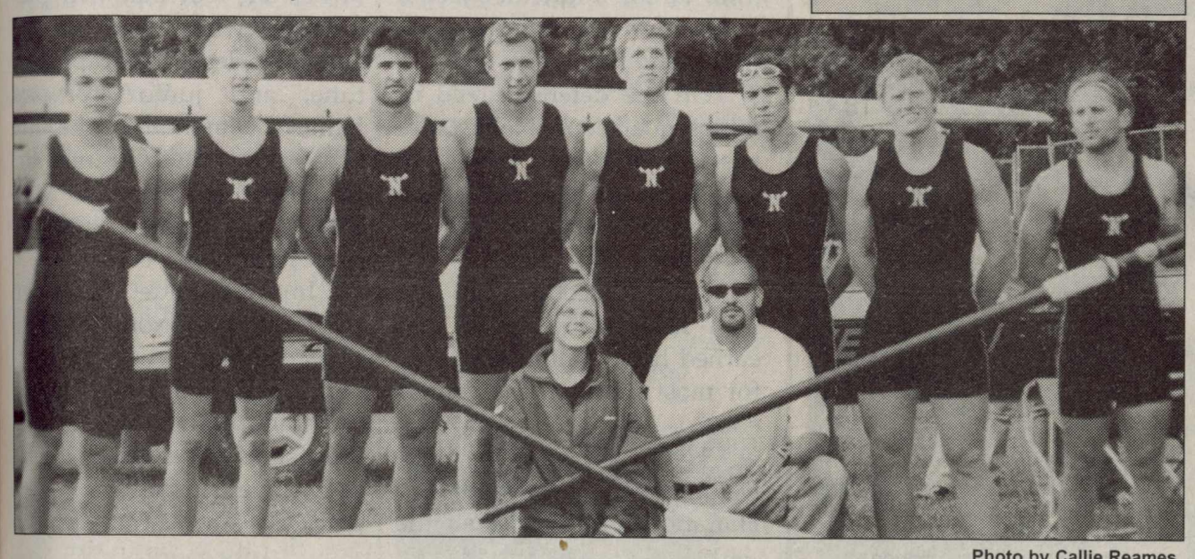

Photo by Callie Reames
Members of the NSU Crew: (left to right) Jason Stelly, Justin Rains, Wes Breeden, Dave May, Rob Morgan, Rich Lynch, Seth Fornea, Scott Ward, (center) Coxswain Lauren O'Kelly, Head Coach Alan Pasch

Lady Demon volleyball suffers fourth straight loss, weekend offers hope for change

By Sauce Staff

Win just does not seem to be in the Lady Demon volleyball team's vocabulary this season.

The Lady Demons, now the losers of four straight, took losses from both Louisiana-Monroe and Texas-Arlington this week.

On Tuesday the lady swingers found themselves in Monroe to face the Lady Indians. Despite 12 kills and 14 digs from freshman Flavia Belo, the Lady Demons lost the match 3-1.

ULM won the first game 30-25, but the Lady Demons battled back in the second, winning 30-22. However, they were unable to regain their momentum after the win and dropped two straight sets.

Lady Demon Becky David also contributed with 12 kills and three aces. ULM's Megan Gloor led the Lady Indians with 18 kills.

ULM (2-9 in the Southland Conference, 5-17 overall) boasts the worst record in the SLC, but are now winners of one straight.

On Friday the Lady Demons played host to the No. 1 seeded UTA Lady Mavericks. The Demons lost the match in three straight sets 30-20, 30-17 and 30-23.

Contributing to the loss cause was junior setter Cathy Herring, who gave an outstanding performance giving the Lady Demons six kills, six digs and 23 assists.

The Lady Mavericks hold a perfect 10-0 record in the SLC and a 16-4 record overall. Amber Pack led the Lady Mavericks with 11 kills and nine digs.

NSU (2-9 in the SLC, 10-17 overall) hopes to end its four game slide as they finish their three game road trip this weekend.

The Lady Demons will play the hated Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks in Nacogdoches, Texas on Friday. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

The Lady Demons will complete their Texas Two Step in Huntsville, Texas when they face the Lady Bearcats of Sam Houston State. That game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Southland Conference football well-represented in Top-25

Courtesy of Soutland.org

While extremely impressive, the appearance by McNeese State University at No. 2 and Northwestern State University at No. 3 in this week's Sports Network top-25 NCAA I-AA football poll is just shy of the best showing ever by Southland Conference teams.

Extensive research reveals that on one occasion since the start of the Southland playing I-AA football in 1982, a span of roughly 200 polls, there has been one other week where two Southland teams appeared higher. During the 1995 season, McNeese State was ranked No. 1 and Stephen F. Austin State Univeristy was No. 3 on Oct. 23. In addition, a team a year away from gaining Southland membership, Troy State University, was ranked No. 4 in that poll.

In the latest Sports Network poll, a third team, Nicholls State University, is ranked No. 22.

Remaining in the No. 2 spot for the second consecutive week is McNeese State, a 28-20 winner over Jacksonville State on Saturday. The Cowboys have been ranked No. 2 a total of five weeks this season. The defending Southland Conference champion, McNeese is off to a 5-1 start with its only loss being a 38-14 setback at Nebraska.

Moving up two places to No. 3 is Northwestern State, which routed Division II Southwestern Oklahoma, 38-0, on Saturday. The Demons were last ranked as high as third in the 1998 season, when they advanced to the NCAA semifinals. Northwestern enters a Thursday showdown at Nicholls State with a 6-1 record, having lost to Georgia.

The Colonels of Nicholls State, 6-2, returned to the poll this week after defeating Southwest Texas, 24-21, on the road. Ranked No. 22, Nicholls will host the Demons at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Net.

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No. 3 Demons head to Nicholls

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demon's offense and defense showed up ready to play in Saturday night's Homecoming contest against the Southwestern Oklahoma Bulldogs.

The Demon's whooped the visiting Bulldogs 38-0 at Turpin Stadium in a dominating performance.

The Demon's offense shredded the Bulldog's defense by out gaining them 400 to 79 yards in total offense. Leading the way was starter Derrick Johnese who carried the ball 7 times for 104 yards including a 69-yard touchdown run.

Starting Demon's quarterback Kevin Magee hit a moderate 8 of 16 passing for 107 yards with an interception and two touchdowns passes including a bomb of 62 yards to Prentice West and five yards to tight end Brent Smith.

"Prentice West played the best, he contributed all around fur us," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said.

Special teams contributed to the effort as well. Freshman receiver Toby Zeigler had 158 yards on six punt returns breaking a two-year-old mark for punt return yardage set by Terrence McGee who had 133 yards against Southern. Zeigler ended the night with 192 total yards of offense.

The Demon defense showed no mercy as they held the Bulldogs to only 79 total yards of offense.

This was NSU first shutout since the 1997 season, breaking a string of 63 games in which NSU's opponents had scored at least once.

Another top running back from Division II came ready to face the staggering Demon defense that was up for the challenge. The Demon defense stopped Oklahoma's Jimmy Jenkins allowing him a meek 30 yards on 11 carries.

The Demon secondary was like the rain that kept coming and going except staying and looming over Bulldog quarterback Reade Box allowing him to hit only 5 of 18 passes for 42 yards.

Three Demon defensive backs accounted for five tackles with three others contributing four tackles apiece in a total Defensive team effort Saturday night.

"We played extremely well on defense," Stoker said.

With their huge win over the Bulldogs, Northwestern State climbed to No. 3 in both major Division I-AA football polls.

"If we are there in five weeks then we will be very happy," Stoker said.

Up next for the No. 3 ranked Demons (6-1 overall, 1-0 SLC) is the No. 22 ranked Nicholls State Colonels (6-2 overall, 2-1 SLC).

The Demons will travel to Thibodaux, LA, to face the Colonels Thursday night in a Fox Sports Televised game seen regionally. The Demons have won 10 of their last 11 games against the Colonels.

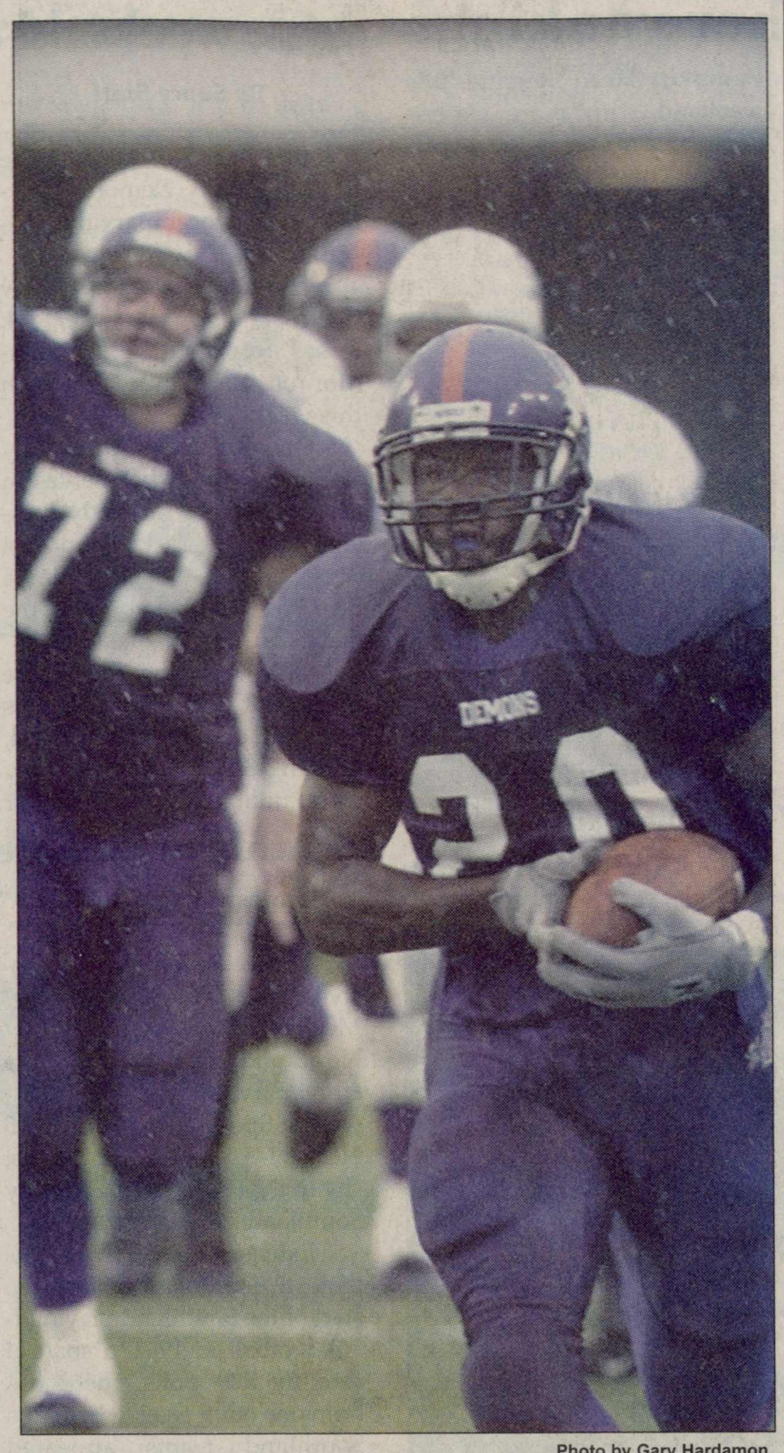

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Derrick Johnese heads for the end zone against the Bulldogs. Johnese ran the ball 104 yards and had a 69-yard touchdown. The Demons shutout Southwest Oklahoma 38-0.

Photo by Glenn Ward
Northwestern's Homecoming court, students, football players and the Natchitoches community came together Friday for the Demon's homecoming pep rally. NSU's cheerleaders, dance line, pom-pon line and the Spirit of Northwestern Band entertained the crowd after the parade.

McNeese Invitational gave Demons run for their money

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demon's track team provided close competition at the McNeese Invitational cross-country meet on Saturday morning.

Leading the men's track team were juniors Jonah Chelimo and Noah Murgor who finished third and fourth in the five mile men's race.

In a close race that had a three-way battle for the win, Chelimo finished just a hairline slower than Kris Gilmore of McNeese. Gilmore sprinted hard at the end edging out teammate Damien Bateman and Chelimo in a close race to the finish.

Chelimo finished with the time of 26:51.87 a few seconds behind Gilmore who posted a 26:50.88. Right behind the lead pack was NSU Demon runner Noah Murgor at 27:07.09.

The Demons' five runners did not finish and failed to score in the five-teams men's race. Finishing strong for the Demons was Roy Ramirez who finished 24th at a time of 31:15.98 and Josh Williams who finished at 27th at a time of 31:53.51.

Leading the Lady Demons with an eighth-place finish was Abby Solomon who posted a time of 20:08.43. Following her in strong was teammate Linzie Ledford at ninth with a time of 20:26.41 over the 5,000-meter course.

Coming in close behind was fellow teammates Missy Payne with a time of 20:29.71 good enough for 10th followed by Peggy Hill at 12th at 20:40.78 then Margeaux Fisher 13th at 20:45.64.

Not giving up and finishing hard for the NSU women were Jill Schenk at 18th with a 22:31.87, Marci Ward at 21st with a 23:16.25 and Amanda Webster at 24th with a 24:22.78.

The Lady Demons put all five runners between places 8 and 13 to score 52 total points. The Lady Demons were third behind McNeese and New Orleans in the women's division.

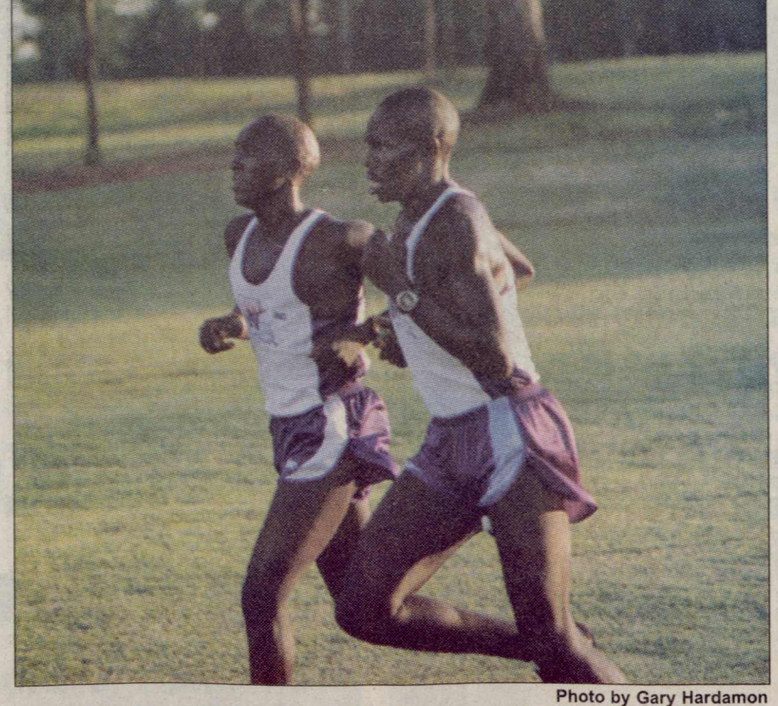

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Jonah Chelimo and Noah Murgor placed third and fourth respectively in the men's five mile race at the McNeese Invitational.

Demons No. 1 in SLC, major players injured

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demon soccer team entered San Marcos, Texas; coping with the disappointments of back-to-back ties earlier in the week and the loss of two standout players due to injury. The Demons exited San Marcos enjoying the No.1 one spot in the Southland Conference.

In Friday's game, the Bobcats of Southwest Texas State held the Lady Demons in gridlock during the early part of the first half until freshman forward Karrina Popov scored on an assist from sophomore defender Katie Priest to give NSU a 1-0 lead.

Freshman forward Heather Penico brought her goal total to seven on the year when she booted a corner kick from junior midfielder Jacqui Lawerence six minutes into the second half.

On the defensive end of things, goalkeeper Nellie Latolais kept the SWT offense at bay, allowing only one of the Bobcats' 22 attempts to slip by for a goal.

Latolais scooped up her 90th save against SWT and earned her the number 4 spot for most saves in the conference.

The next test for the Lady Demons will come Friday in Hammond, La. against the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions.

Latolais and the rest of the NSU defense will have their hands full with SLC leading scorer sophomore forward Kim McNally who will be looking to add goal number 16 against NSU.

Perhaps a greater concern for NSU than who will be playing for the Lady Lions is who will not be playing for the Demons.

According to NSU's sports and information department freshman forward Rachel Folk, who is the Demons leading scorer with nine goals on the year, suffered a knee injury two weeks ago that will cause her to miss the rest of the season.

Sports information also pointed out that Brittany Hung suffered a stress fracture in her left foot that will provide her with a spot on the bench at least until playoff time, and junior forward Hillarie Marshall broke her tibia Friday and will miss the remainder of the year. Marshall was sidelined with the same injury last year.

Injuries aside, however, NSU did have something to cheer for in the way of individual accomplishments when freshmen defender Tara Powasnik earned SLC defensive player of the week honors.

NSU baseball holds inaugural alumni weekend

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State baseball program is holding its inaugural NSU Baseball Alumni Weekend Friday and Saturday.

"A great move by the Baseball Program to reach out to former players and coaches and to get them involved with the new program here," Doug Ireland said.

The weekend includes a golf tournament, home run derby and an alumni game. Supporters, former players and coaches are welcome for this fun filled weekend in support of Demon baseball.

The golf scramble is Friday with a 1 p.m. tee off at the Demon Hills Golf Course. The entry fee is $65 which includes green fees, golf cart, lunch and refreshments.

A home run derby will begin at 10 am, on Saturday at Brown-Stroud Field. Lunch will be served at noon with the alumni game slated for 1 p.m. There is a $55 fee to play in the alumni game, which covers equipment, game gear and insurance.

"A good turnout of 60-80 alumni are coming out this weekend," Ireland said.

Demon baseball has won eight of the last 12 Southland Conference championships, and ranks among the top 25 NCAA Division 1 programs in winning percentage over the past decade.

More information is available from the Demon baseball office at 357-413.

Upcoming Northwestern Athletic Events

Football:	At Nicholls State Thursday at 7 p.m.
NSU Crew:	PumpkinHead of the Colorado Regatta Saturday starting at 8 a.m.
Soccer:	At Southeastern La. Friday at 3 p.m. At Nicholls State Sunday at 2 p.m.
Volleyball:	At Stephen F. Austin Friday at 7 p.m. At Sam Houston Saturday at 2 p.m.
Baseball:	Golf scramble and Alumni game Friday and Saturday

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Medical privacy act threatens student athletic injury reports

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

A new federal regulation may prevent the public from learning of athletic injuries beginning in mid April.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) will create new national standards for protecting an individual's personal health information. It will give patients increased access to their medical records as well as privatize their medical information.

The act, which was passed in 1996, takes full affect on April 14, 2003 and will require total compliance.

Originally, the act was to only affect health care providers that conduct financial or administrative transactions electronically, but recent interpretations may cause the act to hit closer to home.

NCAA programs *banning* injury reports:

Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Texas A&M, ***U. of Montana***

NCAA programs *not banning* injury reports:

NSU, U. of South Carolina, Washington State, Wisconsin

Boldface denotes teams in NSU's Division I-AA

This act includes health care entities that use patients' medical records, including athletic departments. If this is to hold true, athletic injuries at NSU may go unknown by the media, students and even the coach.

According to the new act the information of an injury cannot be released to anyone without a waiver being signed by the player after the injury is sustained. This brings up another issue in that many players may be tempted to not sign a waiver in hopes of staying on the field despite an injury.

Athletes who attempt this may bring a more serious injury upon themselves by ignoring those injuries for more playtime.

Leagues like the NFL are required to submit a weekly injury report for employment records as a league rule and can include provisions to release such information in contracts.

Because colleges do not employ their athletes, such tactics that dodge the act cannot work, and many colleges have already been enforcing the act.

Texas A&M head football coach Mark Brown, following the letter of the act when he refused to let anyone know the details of their star wide receiver Roy Williams' blown hamstring in late September.

Although NSU's Sports Information Director Doug Ireland is concerned that the ct may cause minor injuries to become long-term, the University's Athletic Director Greg Burke thinks that it will not be a problem.

"If your star wide receiver has a tweaked hamstring, you are going to know," Burke said.

Also dealing with this issue is the possibility of athletes hiding injuries from scouts. With the law going so far they may be inclined to attempt this in order to be shown more favor by the professional levels. Head athletic trainer Ed Evans said he strongly discourages this.

"I tell the kids not to lie about or hide anything," Evans said. "They (pro scouts) will find it."

When the act takes effect, legal action could be brought against anyone who leaks out information on athletic injuries.

Evans said that if the law does involve collegiate sports, he would respect the rights of the athletes but also make sure they understand that they would be responsible for the role they would be taking up.

Another collegiate athletics mainstay is affected by the act–gambling. Injury reports play a large role in the decision process of a gambler choosing which team to put money on.

Many gamblers may be willing to pay off a team administrator to gain inside information and make a better decision while placing bets.

Burke, however, said that he does not think that the gambling issue will be much of an issue for NSU.

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Diversity asst. director: Groups underfunded

By Rochelle Cooper
Sauce Reporter

NSU has more than 3,000 minority students, but officials said funding often falls short of fully supporting the organizations that serve them.

Minority organizations on this campus include many types of ethnic social groups. Some of them are African American Caucus, Lifted Voices, Native Americans Organization, Spanish Club, International and Exchange Students, and a local chapter of the NAACP.

Diane Black-Jones, assistant director of student activities for cultural diversity, discussed her concerns for the overall diversity on NSU's campus. She said that many minority functions depend on financing that they just do not have at hand.

"How to get the source started with only fundraisers in order for us to produce quality programs to teach and last, is our main problem," Black-Jones said.

Limited funding seemed to be the biggest worry for two-year president of Lifted Voices, Frederick Atkins. Lifted Voices is a nonprofit organization with about 126 members. Their money is received through fundraisers and donations.

"We represent NSU in all our functions and travels, but we do not receive any financial support," Atkins said.

Lifted Voices travels

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Photo by Glenn Ward
NSU ROTC cadets start a two-mile run at Noe Armory Wednesday as part of the Army physical tests.

Charging towards the elite standards of Army

Rangers

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

Eleven NSU Reserve Officers' Training Corps Cadets departed for Mississippi Wednesday to participate in the annual Ranger Challenge Competition.

Each fall, ROTC units around the nation compete with other schools in their regions in a test of physical endurance and determination modeled after the qualities of United States Army Rangers.

The ROTC Ranger Challenge competition at Camp Shelby consists of seven physical endurance tests: orienteering, building a one-rope bridge, 6.2-mile rucksack run, physical training test (including pull-ups, push-ups, and sit-ups), weapons qualifying, assembly and disassembly of M16 A2 weapons, and hand grenade assault course along with a written examination.

Some events are more challenging than others. The 6.2-mile "march" is done in full uniform, with a 35-pound backpack.

NSU's ROTC unit will compete with 21 colleges from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Among the colleges competing at Camp Shelby are Auburn University, Louisiana State University, Grambling State University, Southern University and Tulane University.

"We're going up against top-notch schools in our region," ROTC Ranger Challenge team captain Pete Almirez said.

To prepare for such strong competition, NSU's ROTC unit begins training the first week of the semester each fall.

Because all ROTC members are full-time students, there are limitations on times available for training and practices.

"We do physical training every morning starting at 5:30 a.m.," Almirez said. "We usually reserve Fridays for practicing individual events, such as the rope bridge."

This semester, eighteen cadets volunteered to participate in Ranger Challenge, but only 11 were chosen.

"The cadets who are in the best physical shape are chosen first, and those nine are our primary teammates," Almirez said. "We also take two alternates."

The nine primary teammates are Cadets Almirez, Jennifer Bocanegra, Jeremy Boudreaux, Micheal Duvall, David Griffith, Calvin Hoover, Nathan Jennings, Caleb Johnson, and Edwin Relaford Alternate teammates are Cadets James Brown and Prospero Gatus.

In the last two years, NSU's ROTC unit has placed in the top 10 colleges competing at Camp Shelby.

"I'm pretty confident that we'll make it within the top three this year," Almirez said.

The cadets will return from Camp Shelby on Sunday afternoon.

SGA senators bash, pass "Oprah Day"

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

After a solid 15 minutes of heated debate at Monday's meeting, SGA senators passed–by a single vote–a piece of legislation defined by the author himself as "just a thank you card, a nicety."

Junior class senator Dustin Floyd's resolution to make Oct. 18 "Oprah Winfrey Day" passed 13-6 after senator Chris Henry led one of the most passionate oppositions to a senate action this semester.

Floyd defended the bill as a polite gesture of thanks to Winfrey, whose impromptu Oct. 18 visit to Natchitoches and NSU's homecoming parade generated international news coverage.

Henry, however, said the SGA had more important things to do for the students.

"Why not just go to Wal-

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U.S. Senate elections set for Tuesday

■ *Democrat Landrieu faces almost certain run-off in race against three Republicans*

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

Louisiana will go to the polls Tuesday to select one of its senators for the next six years.

Democratic incumbent Mary Landrieu is facing off against three Republican contenders, state congressmen John Cooksey and Tony Perkins, and State Elections Commissioner Suzanne Terrell.

A poll conducted by SLU's Florida Parishes Social Sciences Research Center gave Landrieu 44% of the vote and gave her challengers Terrell 15%, Cooksey 10%, and Perkins 5%. Of those surveyed 19% were still undecided.

If no candidate captures 50% plus one vote, a runoff will be held Nov. 7 between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. All of the candidates support the war against Iraq and President Bush's $1.6 trillion tax cut.

Only during the recent televised debates have voters been able to make a clearer distinction between the candidates.

Landrieu supports increasing the minimum wage, while her Republican opponents want to stimulate the economy and help workers by implementing tax cuts.

Landrieu, a Catholic, is pro-abortion. In her first senatorial race, Archbishop of New Orleans Philip Hannan declared that it would be a sin to vote for Landrieu.

However, Landrieu has alienated her pro-abortion donors, Emily's list and the National Abortion Rights Action League, by voting to ban partial birth abortions.

"There is no such thing as unwanted children, just unfound families," Landrieu's campaign website said. Landrieu supports federal funding for family planning groups.

Terrell, Cooksey and Perkins declared that they would vote for a pro-life Supreme Court Judge and support a Constitutional Amendment to reverse Roe. V. Wade.

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
66°/43°	64°/42°	65°/48°
10% chance of rain	Partly cloudy	30% chance of rain

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throughout the state to other colleges, but entirely provides for their own transportation to places such as Grambling University, Lake Charles, La. and Louisiana Tech.

Black-Jones said her concerns are for the welfare of the students.

She said there is always the at risk factor when minority organizations travel. Students are forced to deal with liability issues and exclude themselves from functions.

DeShenik McDaniel, president of NSU's African American Caucus (AAC), said that her organization deals with the same financial issues.

AAC Week is approaching next week and SAB issued the organization money, but it does not nearly cover the cost, McDaniel said.

McDaniel said the caucus tries to promote unity on campus, but students have been providing their own supplies. She said she could see the caucus' membership slipping away.

Alvin Brosett, along with Black-Jones, decides what minority events get school funding. Brosett said that there is not a lot of money to start with. They look at requests and from there decide what activities on campus can be helped.

The NAACP chapter, lead in Natchitoches by Chris Henry, also intends to promote school unity through a forthcoming Unity March.

Gregory Hiram said the Native American organization would possibly get started again in the spring. The community organization, when active, encourages Native Americans through reflections of their own culture.

SGA targets tech abuse

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Mart and get a card, or put your names on a piece of paper?" Henry said.

Floyd said that discussing the bill at all was a waste of time, and that senators should pass it without a thought.

> ***"Why not just go to Wal-Mart and get a card, or put your names on a piece of paper?"***
>
> **Chris Henry**
> SGA Senator

"It's not like I'm trying to get money to build an Oprah Winfrey statue outside," Floyd said.

Senator at large Scott Manguno said he believed the Winfrey resolution was a bad public relations move for NSU and Natchitoches.

"I think we're perpetuating a small town image," Manguno told the *Sauce* after the meeting. Nonetheless, Manguno said, "I wasn't going to lose any sleep because it passed."

The senate did pass two pieces of legislation Monday.

An Academic Affairs department bill to substitute handpicked senators for the SGA president in the Calendar and Curriculum Review committees passed after it was amended to make the seats presidential appointments.

Also, a bill adding SGA computer and technology usage guidelines to the bylaws unanimously passed the senate. The bill adds a series of security measures and punishments to try to prevent misuse of SGA equipment.

Minutes 10-28-02

Call to Order- 7:06 p.m.
The prayer was lead by Linzie Ledford.
The pledge was lead by Dustin Floyd.

Roll Call
Present:
Adam Allen
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brossett
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Andy Dye
Timberly Deville
Dustin Floyd
Chris Henry
Brian Jarreau
Jennifer Jensen
Chris Johnson
Linzie Ledford
Scott Manguno
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Casey Ponder
Ken Romas
Adam Stoll
Timmy Watts
Alan Sypert
Ryan Terry
Liz Webb

Absent:
Tometrius Greer
Jared Hewitt
Liz Hughes
Cory Markham
Cade Strong
Taylor Morgan

Executive Reports
Treasurer- Dustin Mathews
Dustin was not present

Vice President -Jennifer Jenson
December 2nd will be the Christmas Party at Trailboss. Congratulations to Cade Strong for being named October Senator of the Month.

President - Stacie Cosby
We will be voting on people to go to COSGA next week

Departmental Reports
Academic Affairs- Mindy McConell
Our meetings are Wed. at 2:30. Scantron Giveaway is Mondays from 9-12:30.

External Affairs- Cade Strong
Cade was not present.

Fiscal Affairs- Dustin Mathews
Organizational Grants due this Friday by 3:30.

Internal Affairs- Greg Comeaux
Fiscal matters dealing with the treasure.

Student Affairs- Luke Hutchinson
Luke was not present.

SAB Report- Ryan Terry
They discussed minutes and bylaws.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
If you have a meeting, you need to book the room and time slot in the office.

Supreme Court Report
Wednesday at 4:30, the court will convene. We will discuss items from internal affairs. I will report back.

Old Business
Dustin Floyd moves to approve bill FA02-009. Chris Johnson seconds. Mindy McConnell moves to amend the bill, Linzie Ledford seconds. Motion passes by show of hands, The amended FA02-009 passes by role call vote 18-1 - 0. Dustin Floyd moves to approve bill FA02-01 0. Kelli Miler seconds. The bill passes by role call vote 19-0-0. Amanda Breaux moves to approve the bill FA02-014 dealing with Oprah Winfrey, Dustin Floyd seconds. Brian Jarreau moves to table the bill indefinitely, Chris Henry seconds. The motion fails 2-17-0. Bill FA02-014 passes by role call vote 13-6-0.

V. New Business
FA02-003 and FA02-015 are both tabled. Dustin Floyd moves to approve Mindy McConnell and Amanda Breaux to the Who's Who Selection Committee. Alan Sypert seconds, this passes by general consent.

VI. Announcements
Office hours were great! Work on legislation.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Landrieu leads polls

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Perkins supports a ban on all abortions except when the life of the mother is in danger. Cooksey and Terrell favor an exemption for the life of the mother or when the pregnancy is the result of incest or rape.

Students can register to vote on campus in Room 102 of the Student Union, and if registered at home can vote by absentee ballot.

To obtain an absentee ballot a student can write his local registrar of voters with his or her name, social security number, home address, mailing address, reason for absentee voting and signature.

Absentee ballots are due by Monday.

Injury reports could end

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"I could care less how it effects the gambling industry," Burke said.

Both head football coach Scott Stoker and men's basketball coach Mike McConathy said they knew nothing of the act or the issues surrounding it.

However, both coaches agreed that the act would cause problems.

"I get at least two injury reports per day," Stoker said. "It would make a big change."

Ireland said that he plans to simply wait for more developments before acting.

"We have developed the philosophy of, 'Let's wait and see how this shakes out'," Ireland said.

Demon football deep snapper Seth Ortego said that he is worried about what the act might do to player-coach relationships.

"I can see it causing a lot of tension between the players and coaches," Ortego said.

Although Ireland disagrees with the act, he is sure that it will not interfere with NSU's athletic department.

"We are prepared, if we have to, to adhere to the letter of the law," Ireland said.

NSU Campus Police Blotter

Compiled By Linda D. Held

On Oct. 23 at 3:40 a.m. Rapides front desk called reporting people throwing bricks at windows. Officers arrived on the scene at 3:42 a.m. An arrest was made at Iberville and the detainee was taking to the campus police department.

At 9:02 a.m. an Area Coordinator from Boozman Hall called in to report a sick student. Campus police alerted the nurse that the student appeared to be diabetic. By 9:05 a.m. campus police were en route with the nurse. At 9:12 a.m. Natchitoches Parish Hospital was called to Boozman Hall. By 9:34 a.m. NPH was en route to hospital with the student female patient.

At 8:19 p.m. a medical emergency was called in from Sabine Hall for a student running a high fever. Campus police and NPH were en route by 8:22 p.m. NPH transported student to hospital.

On Oct. 24 at 5:31 p.m. a disturbance was called into the campus police concerning drinking, bottles being thrown and loud music. Three minutes later, officers arrived at Iberville and confiscated alcohol from the front seat and on the person of an underage NSU student.

At 11:21 p.m. a student complaint was called in from Rapides lab, that another student was making unwanted advances. The complaint was logged.

On Oct. 25 at 12:45 a.m. an injury accident was reported from Vic's. Officers picked up the minor and brought him/her to the infirmary.

On Oct. 28 at 5:11 p.m. a disturbance was called in of a male and female fighting. At 5:15 p.m. units arrived at the University Columns. The incident was logged.

Campus Connections

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc will be hosting Poise N'Ivy Week starting Monday and ending Friday. All NSU students are invited to attend the daily events

Monday
12:08 p.m. Skee-Phi Luncheon (in Vic s)

Tuesday
8:08 a.m.-11:08 a.m. AKA Bake Sale (underneath stairwell in Kyser).
For more information, contact Danielle Mitchell, SkeeWeek Committee Chairperson, at dmitchell1908@yahoo.com
8:38 p.m. Twisted Tuesday (in the Ballroom)

Wednesday
8:08 a.m.-12:08 p.m. Buckle-Up Safety Awareness booth outside of Vic s.
8:08 p.m. TABOO -Come voice your opinion at an open forum featuring members from all Black-Greek Letter organizations.

Thursday
7:08 p.m. AKAraoke Night (Alley)

Friday
7:00 p.m. SKEE-PHI Movie Night

Student Activities Board

The SAB committee is still accepting applications. For more information come to Room 214 of the Student Union.

Emerging Leaders session dates for freshmen and sophomores are on Tuesday and Nov. 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is placing money jars (i.e. gallon jugs, pickle jars, etc.) in various places (i.e. departments offices, dorms, etc.) throughout campus to collect donations for our Toys for Tots Drive. For more information about this program, pleae see Comfort Pratt or your class representative.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

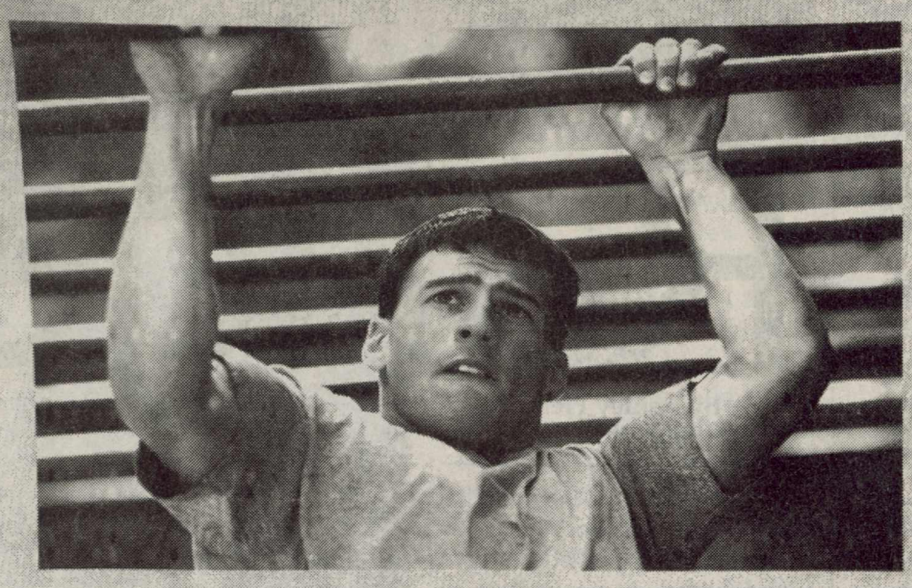
Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club encourages all Psychology majors and minors to join. Meetings are held in Bienvenu Hall in Room 305 every other Monday at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 4.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week s issue of the Current Sauce, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**



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FEATURES

HANGING WITH A SPIRIT

Isabella's ghost still finds comfort in Varnado Hall

By Andrew "Gihad" David
Sauce Reporter

College campuses are full of folklore. From exaggerated tales of a heroic mascot, to the secret initiation rituals of fraternities, legends and myths abound in institutions of higher learning. But while those myths may not pertain to all students there is one device of folklore that appeals to almost everyone: The campus ghost story.

For Northwestern students it is the story of Isabella that receives the blame for things that go bump in the night on campus.

Supposedly Isabella was moved from her old residence of Varnado Hall to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training last year, but current Varnado residents like junior nursing major and Celeste McPhie think otherwise.

McPhie cites a common story of an alarm clock gone awry, something Isabella is notoriously blamed for.

"I'm just laying in bed, and my alarm clock just decides to start making noises," McPhie said.

She indicated that her alarm clock was of the type that had to be set a certain way in order to go off and when the event occurred it was not set in the necessary manner and blared for over thirty minutes.

McPhie's boyfriend and freshman political science major Richard Comstock, conferred with her statements about strange sounds and happenings.

Photo by Glenn Ward
Varnado residents make contact with spirits using a Ouija board.

"...At night you can hear her walking down the hall and stuff," Comstock said.

Both said they had checked many times to see if it was an actual person roaming the halls, but on all occasions their search turned up nothing.

Sophomore radiology major Sandy McCartney agreed with Comstock and McPhie and had her own stories, one that involved Isabella's interruption of her daily hygiene.

"She turns the water off when you're in the shower," McCartney said.

Comstock added on another occasion he and McPhie had made visual confirmation of a ghost.

"I've seen her," Comstock said. "One night we were in the room... and I saw her walk in front of the mirror."

Both said the spooky image resembled that of a young southern belle, but also admitted to having heard the story of Isabella prior to having their alleged encounter.

Junior psychology major Shannon Weaver kept a skeptical attitude but also could offer no logical explanation for the strange shadows she had seen on her wall.

"I don't know if they are supernatural occurrences but yeah I saw a few shadows," Weaver said. " I saw a shadow go across my blank wall...it went all the way across and there wasn't anything there to make a shadow."

Despite the claims of those residents, for every supernatural experience involving a creaking floorboard or mysteriously cut off shower, skeptics can offer a simple explanation: A creepy floorboard and bad plumbing.

According to skepticinstitute.com, people have the tendency after hearing a ghost story to develop a subconscious urge to encounter that ghost and they can manifest a supernatural experience in their own mind.

Maybe so, but tell that to the girls who can't get their shower or alarm clock to work.

Religious organizations offer alternatives to Halloween

By April "Lavigne" N. Dickson
Sauce Reporter

While many NSU students are spending Halloween tailgating, bar hopping and attending costume parties, the Wesley Foundation will be providing students with alternatives to the mainstream Halloween festivities.

The Foundation is hosting an 80's Prom Night after the football game to promote a safe environment on Halloween. Party-goers will be provided with free food as well as the background sounds of 80's dance music. The party is BYOP: Bring Your Own Pumpkin.

"Halloween is a pagan holiday in celebration of things Christians do not believe in," said Beth Ann Merida, administrative assistant at the Foundation. "It's hard for college students to not feel out of place on Halloween, so they can come here and feel accepted."

Freshman accounting major Brandon Cormier shared Merida's ideas.

"I don't believe in celebrating Halloween," Cormier said. "I've never been trick-or-treating. It started as a pagan holiday and I don't celebrate ungodly holidays."

"Aside from the alcohol free environment, we get to relive the 80's instead of dressing up and trick-or-treating," said Conor Hale, senior liberal arts major.

Although not offering alternative events the night of Halloween, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and Catholic Student Organization are hosting alternative events during the week.

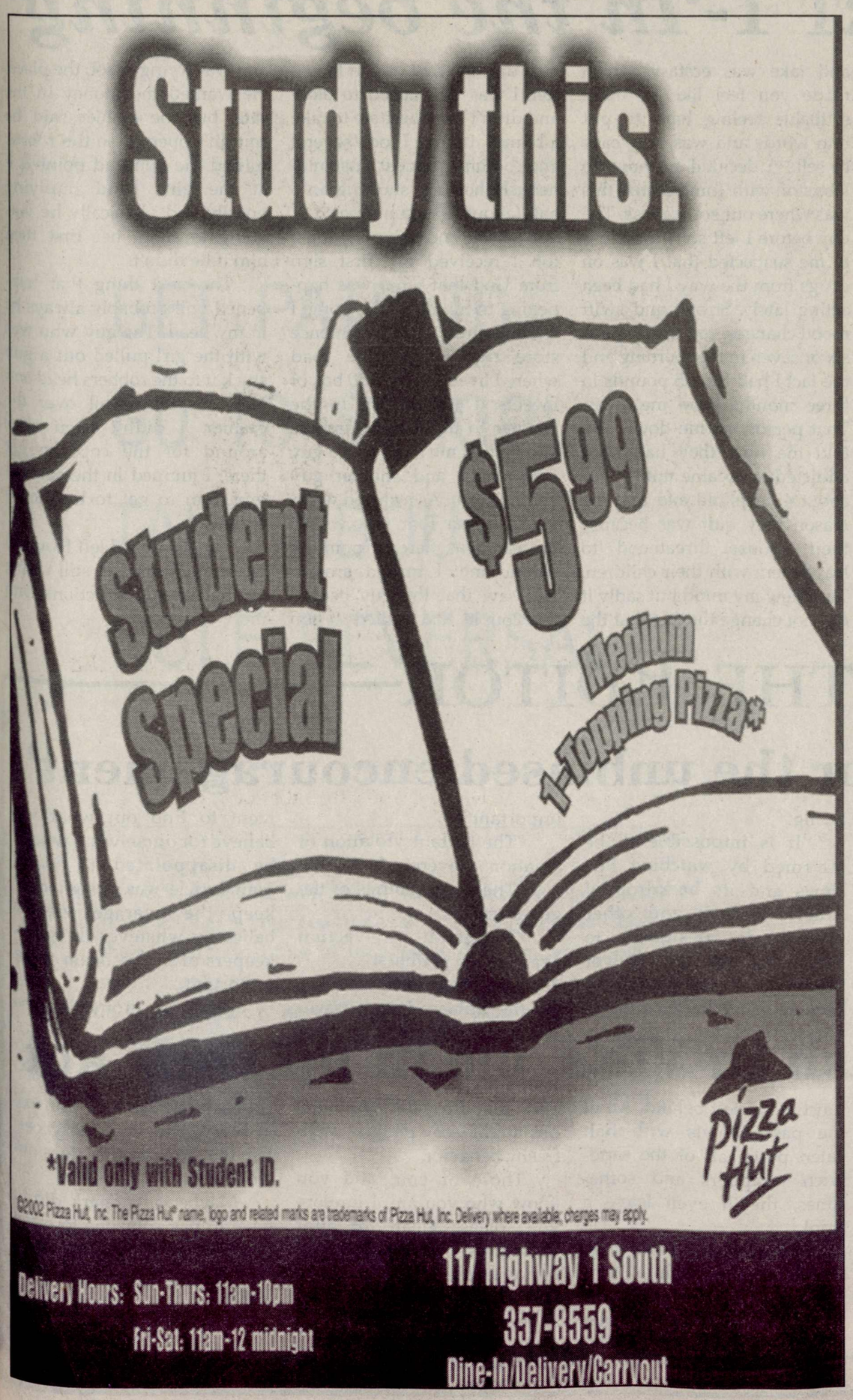
Wednesday, the BCM had "Wear your Costume to Worship" as a part of their weekly worship service. The service was followed by a night of Halloween-oriented activities. They had a costume contest and several traditional Halloween games.

Joshua Sampey, the residential caretaker of the BCM, said that participating in the traditional ideas of Halloween is not necessarily supporting the pagan holiday.

"Halloween is what you make it," Samprey said. "It all depends on your definition of Halloween. Some people believe Halloween is the night of the dead, but for me, it's a night to dress up and act crazy."

Friday, the CSO will be throwing an All Saints Party. Peter Wingerter, Assistant Campus Minister for the CSO, said that the point of Halloween is to usher in All Saints Day on Nov. 1. Wingerter said that this holiday exists to celebrate that there are people in heaven praying for people on earth.

"Halloween used to not be so demonic; that's not what it was originally intended for," Wingerter said. "We're trying to bring it back to what it was intended for."



Scholars' professor explains Wicca beliefs

By Callie "Noogie Monster" Reames
Sauce Reporter

Wicca, a religion that centers on a reverence for nature, is different for each person who practices it. There is no central doctrine for Wicca so each coven, or group of practitioners, can have differing sets of beliefs.

Holly Stave, associate professor of Scholars' College English, has been Wiccan for 22 years.

"This is just a total part of my life," Stave said. "I'm happy living. I'm not afraid of dying."

Stave gained an interest in Wicca in graduate school while she was studying writer Thomas Hardy's work on goddesses.

"I stumbled over stuff on contemporary Wicca," she said. "It filled the gap."

Stave grew up attending a Lutheran church, but said Wicca fits into her life like pieces in a puzzle.

"When I tried really hard to be Christian, it just never made sense," Stave said.

Wicca teaches that life is a cycle: seed to plant; life feeding on life. It also teaches that deity is in every aspect of nature and in all life, including each person.

Stave said she was drawn to Wicca partly because of its emphasis on the female side of a supreme life force. Wiccans believe in a god and goddess, instead of just a god.

She said that many women got involved in Wicca through the feminist movement, and a lot of men became a part of it because of the environmental movement.

Stave, who co-authored the book *Living Witchcraft* in 1994, is often asked to lecture in religion classes on nature religions. She said people do not try to convert her to other religions, and some of her students are devout Christians.

Stave is less guarded than she once was about her Wiccan beliefs because she is a tenured associate professor. However, Stave said she has never been harassed about her religious choices.

"Maybe that is a blessing," Stave said.

She has, however, seen new Wiccans who have an initial hostility toward other religions, but said those people mellow out in time.

"I don't like the people who exploit it to be sensational," Stave said, referring to a bumper sticker that reads, "My goddess gave birth to your god."

For Stave, Wicca is a discipline.

"It's a spiritual path, and it's demanding," Stave said. "What I believe as a spiritual person, and what I know as an intellectual person don't collide."

Stave said Wicca's evidence is everywhere.

"The earth. Animals get born. Crops grow. The sun comes up every morning. All the things I honor as sacred are those things," she said.

"If I plant seeds, there will be something in the spring. That, to me, is magic," Stave said.

Covens meet every full moon as well as eight equally spaced times a year. Stave's coven has seven to nine practitioners, and she knows of three or four others in Natchitoches.

There are two main gatherings each year that Wiccans participate in. Today is Samhein.

"That's the night when the ancestors can cross back over and be with us," Stave said.

Wiccans gather, outside, weather permitting, to remember ancestors. They put photos of deceased family members and pets on a shrine and tell old stories about the dead.

Stave said one year her coven wrote letters to dead loved ones to say what they never said while that person was alive.

"It's a night of tears, but it's also a night of laughter," Stave said.

The other popular gathering, Beltaine, occurs in the spring and is a celebration of life in the form of a massive fertility ritual.

Stave said 3,000 years ago, after harvest, farmers would hold Samhain to prepare for the cold winter months, which was a somber time. Beltaine was a party to celebrate living through the winter and the continuation of life.

A Wiccan ritual follows a liturgy and the events of the service follow a specific pattern. The ritual consists of dances, dramas, meditations, and healings that center on a love for all life.

EDITORIALS

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Sticks, stones and still no apologies

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

Former *Current Sauce* editors have been called many things before. I have seen those before me called anything in the book from 'asshole' to 'greek hater' to just plain 'dumbass.' Most recently I have been labeled as a 'buffoon.'

Well, the accuser may be correct. No one finds my tasteless attempts at humor, well...tasteful or humorous. On some days I get really sad and wonder why I cannot please anyone. Every time the *Sauce* tries to do something funny it blows up in our face. I guess we 'buffoons' get what we deserve.

So, this Halloween I will dress up as someone who cares with a pocketful of apologies. I guess it beats dressing up as D. Floyd, right Rondray.

Oh, by the way, if you are a fan of the *Sauce* and or its staff, I will be on KNOC 1450am on Nov. 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. to field phone calls from anyone in KNOC's listen area-that means you. The show is "Talk Back Natchitoches." I want to hear from NSU's student body. Please listen and call in. Thanks.

HALLOWEEN THROUGH EYES OF *SAUCE* STAFF

Hey parents, Halloween's for the children

Garrett "Graverobber" Guillotte
Managing editor

About all I remember about Halloween is getting sacks full of candy and spending a lot of quality toilet time the next day. (Speaking of, perhaps it's not bad as a college-life training experience.) In fact, I think it's what I don't remember that's best: nobody back home ever protested Halloween while I was a kid.

Now, talking to friends from around here and from back home, I hear about how more and more people are "standing up" against this "pagan" holiday.

What the hell is this? I mean, sure, Christians have as much a right to evangelize their religion as any other, but when you start treading on my childhood, I start taking it personally, and on a level higher than religion.

I hate to knock all you hardcore Abrahamics out there, but you guys just aren't a lot of fun for kids unless you were part of the club from birth. Don't like Halloween because its sinful? Keep your kids out of it. Hold your angel costume contests, pass out candy to kids who cite bible passages, keep being the good Christian neighbor the Bible asks - or, if you believe so, tells - you to be. Hell, you can even invite me to your civil and quiet "All Saints' Day Eve" party, so long as you promise not to mind if I balance you all out in a black robe and red horns.

But if my kids aren't allowed to dress like ghosts wrapped with reflective tape and demand candy for no reason past their cuteness and a fake threat of a trick on the last day of October because America went theocratic, then I'll finally realize how big a trick humanity itself is.

Then it'll be egg raid time, baby. Rotten egg raid time for all of you! Bwahaha!

Fond childhood memories, massive head trauma

Rob "Lucifer" Morgan
Managing editor

■ *Note: This is a fictional story.*

Between the ages of four and 12 my standard Oct. 31 garb was a clown suit, but at 13 a deep yearning took over.

I still remember the initial thrill of being seen in public dressed in my older sister's black lingerie, silk stockings and spiked heels. The looks and stares I received from strangers filled me with deep, forbidden pleasure. And as I entered my junior high school's masquerade party my body shook with orgasmic shivers of the unknown.

What would people say? How would they react? Would I get my ass kicked?

In the doorway of the school's gymnasium I stood taking in the festive decorations. Bats dangled from the ceiling by wire, orange and black streamers ran along the walls and the costume of choice was Freddy Krueger.

Nobody had noticed me, yet.

I stepped through the doorway to test the unsure waters swimming with my teachers and fellow classmates. After a few hesitant steps forward I realized I was no longer unnoticed.

Everyone stopped what they were doing. Bobbing for apples, admiring each other's outfits was interrupted to gaze upon me in all my transvestite beauty. I felt so alive until...

I'm not sure who or what hit me first, but I do remember going down. I do remember that.

I fell unconscious to the gym floor. When I woke up, two days later, I was in the Intensive Care Unit at St. Francis Cabrini Hospital. Among my list of injuries, brain swelling due to massive head trauma, my left arm and right leg and hip were shattered and I had to receive three pints of blood.

I stayed in the hospital for about three weeks and continued with rehab for eight months. My parents sent me away to a school in Wisconsin to avoid any further public embarrassment.

Happy Halloween!!!

Seven signs pointing to end of adult trick-or-treating

By "Scary Sprinkles" Huben
Copy editor

Okay boys and girls, we are all in college now and I have to put my foot down. Aside from collecting for charities (and NOT your own personal bank accounts) trick-or-treating is pretty much over, folks. And just in case you are still confused, here are some hard facts that we are just too old to be doing this anymore. Go to a party or something instead. And hey, there's nothing wrong with studying (you know; books, notes, computers and the like)

Signs you are too old to trick-or-treat:

■ You finish the night with a bag full of restraining orders

■ You protest certain candies because they are produced in Taiwan by children making four cents a day.

■ You get comments on your "He-Man" costume by adults; small children call you a cave man.

■ You don't take a buddy because you are big enough to see cars coming from three blocks away.

■ You get excited by the houses giving away fruit because you can eat for a week.

■ You bully small kids after the house giving away quarters because you need to do laundry.

■ You go trick-or-treating to make dates with the "stay-at-homers" passing out candy.

AN ADDICT'S STORY PART 1-*'In the beginning'*

By Kristopher Luis Fiallos
(El Servidor De Dios)
Guest columnist

■ **Preface**-This is a non-fictional account of someone's life. Names and places have been changed but everything written is completely true. This is the story of a young man and his problems with alcohol and drugs. This is the story of my life. This is part one of a three part series.

In the beginning, it's not so hard to say no. When you become accustomed to using, it starts to get harder. Then starts the addiction and it becomes almost impossible to even stop. Yet, there are people in this world who, although are addicted, have learned to say no. I am an addict who has been clean nine months, but still does not mean I am unsusceptible to a relapse. When you hit the bottom, you have two choices: give up and give in, or try to climb up the steep hill on the road less traveled.

I was born on Feb. 30, 1980 and had a very good upraising. When I was 16 I had difficulty in my family that I will not go into to save the hard memories it could cause to everyone it affected. The fact about it was that at that time I lost my parents to depression. In order to feel loved and accepted I started to form my own clic, my own family. Fortunately, I was still participating in a sport I cherished, which kept me out of trouble, for a while that is.

After football I began to smoke pot, not all the time but regularly. It was an escape, an escape from the dismal reality I had become so accustomed to. For the first time I was laughing again, yet this was not a laugh about the joy of life but a laugh toward life. I was laughing at life because I had found an escape from all the problems and all the dismal surroundings I was so used to being around. This was the beginning, of the end.

After I began with weed, I started experimenting with other drugs. The drugs that I had been taking were not free and I had no job, but I did have access to drugs. In order to support the habit I had developed I started to sell. This would give me the money and opportunity to take or do anything I wanted. My drug of choice to sell and take was ecstasy, which made you feel like an indescribable feeling hard to put into words and was very easy to sell. I decided to move to Houston with Tom because this was where our source was. The day before I left someone close to me suspected that I was on drugs from the way I had been acting lately. Strong and swift mood changes, coming home at six or seven in the morning and the fact I had lost 25 pounds in three months gave me away. That person sat me down and told me how they had been addicted to cocaine until I was about 4 years old and that the reason they quit was because their spouse threatened to leave them with their children. This blew my mind but sadly it did not change the fact that the next day, my first day in Houston, I was introduced to blow and didn't even hesitate to take a bump. In fact, I took several and became almost instantaneously hooked, snorting an 8 ball (about 3.5 grams) per day. Still selling and using in Houston I received my first sign from God that what was happening in my life was wrong. I walked into a convenience store right down the road where I lived to buy a 50 box of Sweets. I walked up to the counter to make my purchase and behind me there was a guy with a girl and another guy behind them. As I started walking to the car Tom, who was in the car, was fiercely pointing behind me. I turned around and saw that the guy behind the couple had pulled a gun and was trying to rob the place. He wanted the money in the safe, but the cashier said he couldn't open it, so the robber turned the gun and pointed it at the girls head implying vocally and physically he was going to shoot her first then him if he didn't.

The next thing that happened will probably always be in my head. The guy who was with the girl pulled out a gun stuck it to the robbers head and blew his brains all over the cashier. I didn't even stick around for the cops to get there; I jumped in the car and told Tom to get to the house and fast.

The next day I left Houston returning home but still taking my habits and addictions with me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Thanks...for the unbiased encouragement'

I found it amusing that Mr. Parker thought it necessary to alert readers that he wasn't "trying" to spur us to one side or the other regarding the issue of U.S. Iraq policy. And speaking of rhetoric, as mentioned in his article, lets take a quick look at not trying.

"It is impossible to be informed by watching Fox News and its backdrop of American flags and other propaganda designed to keep the average viewer believing whatever the gatekeepers of media deem to be important".

"The blatant violation of a nation's sovereignty".

"The wrongdoings of the government".

"Unilateral action against Iraq is unjust".

Wow, thanks Mr. Parker for the unbiased encouragement to find out what we believe for ourselves. I would be disappointed to think your article was designed to keep the average viewer believing whatever the gatekeepers of media deem to be important.

Tony Watkins

To the trash in Vic's, clean up your act

I eat lunch everyday in Vic's. Everyday, right around noon, I see the same faces. Different groups occupy each table and they all have one thing in common...THEY DON'T PICK UP THEIR TRASH!!!

When one group leaves a table, the remnants of their lunches are left behind. All of the pasta bowls with half eaten pasta, all of the sandwich wrappers and sometimes, they'll even leave a drink.

Everyday, the same man walks around with a tray, removing all the trash left behind, wipes down the tables and prepares for the next onslaught of people with trashy behavior.

Those of you, and you know who you are, I implore you, please clean up after yourselves. Whether you care or not, it reflects poorly on you and whatever group you may be associated with. You are in college now. Most of you live at home, and I am fairly certain that your mother does not work at Vic's.

Maybe if Aramark didn't have to pay someone to clean up after you, you wouldn't have to pay so much for your lunch.

Jessica Cramer

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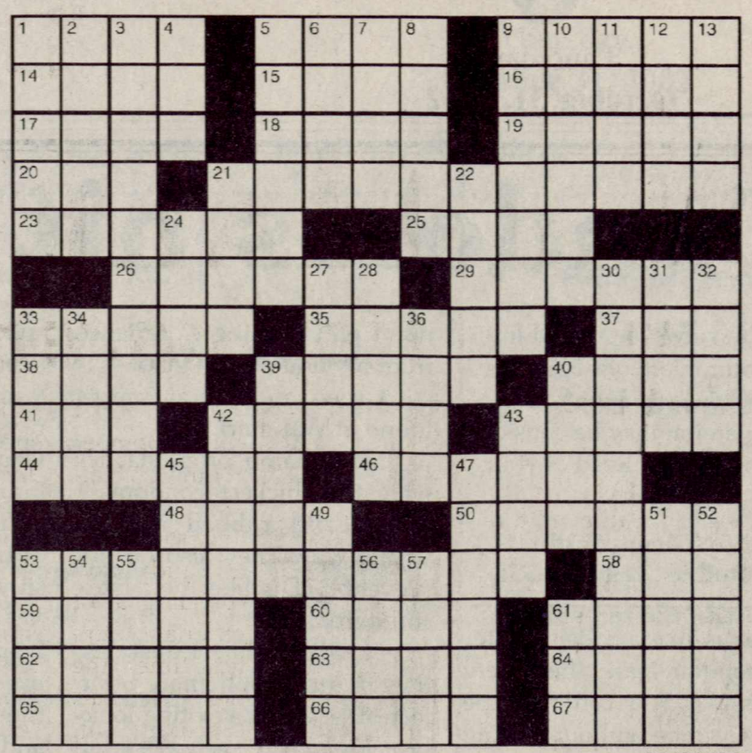

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Condoms hit the G-Spot

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By Glenn Ward
Sauce Reporter

Sex is like a roller coaster and condoms are the safety harnesses. You can ride the Texas Cyclone without pulling down the bar, but nobody would recommend it.

I have rated the best condoms in the market. I didn't battle-test each condom, only took it out of the wrapper, played around with it, teased it.

Specialty, glow-in-the-dark, flavored or ribbed condoms were not rated.
These are superfluous and don't enhance the experience from my end of the stick.

I tried on the top brands found at Wal-mart.

Naturalamb prophylactics were the thickest condoms I tested, and rubbed me the wrong way. They also do not prevent STD's like their latex counterparts.

"I like the Lifestyles, they're fun," sophomore Brian Jarreau said. "It's exiting looking down and seeing a blue love rod. I also like Tuxedos."

Lifestyles Tuxedos are the formal wear of male genitalia. Like high school prom, everyone feels larger than life when they dress up. However, they did decrease sensitivity. Sometimes that's a plus allowing the wearer to romp through the jungle all night long.

Trojan Supras are made specifically to transmit body heat, which transformed the tunnel of love into a molten river of lava. That's cool if you want to put your meat loaf into a toaster oven, but the rest of us think that's just weird. It did rate second highest in sensitivity, though.

I had high expectations for Inspiral, but they didn't measure up. "The beautiful nautilus-like curves of Inspiral" and "spring action," as described on the packaging, probably increases pleasure for her, but did nothing for me. It felt like I had shrink-wrapped my penis with cellophane.

In separate sessions, neither the Durex Ultimate Feeling nor Lifestyles Ultra Sensitive endured the animal-passion they were submitted to. Both busted mid-coitus. Stay away from these, unless you want to change diapers, in which case, go bareback.

"If I did use condoms, I wouldn't be pregnant right now," sophomore Ieisha Beasley said.

Pregnancy is a scary thing, and sex shouldn't be scary, at least not like that. The amusement park ride should be exhilarating, but once you get off, the thrill should be over.

However, if the unfortunate happens and the condom bursts, you can purchase a Morning-After Pill at Brookshire's or Rite Aid with a prescription.

So for a good time, call the Health Services Department for free condoms at 357-5351.

They are open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The G-Spot Rating System

The G-Spot rating system is a numerical system by which Glenn rated different condoms. The more heads Glenn gives, the better condom was, the quicker he ejaculated, or whatever.

Brand of raincoat	Can it be reused? Durability	Fire in my crotch Heat transfer	Yes, yes, oh God yes Sensitivity	Do I feel like Dirk Diggler?
Durex Ultra Feeling $1.73 for 3	1	3	3	1
Trojan Supra $7.32 for 3	2	3	2.5	1.5
Inspiral $2.42 for 3	3	2	2	3
Lifestyles Tuxedo Free at the Health clinic	3	1	1.5	3
Naturalamb $3.58 for 3	2	2	1	2.5

Photo by Glenn Ward
The motion simulator was put on by SAB. Pictured behind table are SAB members Travis Reams and Mia Hebert.

SAB presents Motion Simulator

By Glenn Tillman
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board took NSU by storm with the M-4 Personal Motion Theater.

The M-4 made its debut at NSU on Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Between 11a.m. and 2 p.m. the line to board the M-4 was 45 people long, complete with a waiting list.
From the reaction of the students, the M-4 fit in only two extreme approval levels: loved or hated.

Since Steve Stein, the M-4 operator, started his business he has had the opportunity to do the 'college run.'

The 'college run' is a period when Steve and the M-4 travel to colleges around the country. The run is held every fall.

In addition to the college run, there is also a summer run, where Stein and the M-4 travel to fairs around the country May through Aug.

"I prefer the college market because I am guaranteed more money than in the summer market," Stein said.

If SAB can afford the M-4 again, it would not be surprising to see the M-4 re-land at NSU.

The simulator was active during the entire time it was presented.

The rides were four minutes long, and there were 150 sessions with two people on at a time.

There was an option of three movies to be viewed. Ride in space, a jet, or in an airplane.

Each had its own characteristics, and the jet and airplane went upside down five times.

This was put on by the Lagniappe committee, led by Terrica Wallace.

"It was a lot of fun, and we had a great deal of participation," freshman Mia Hebert said.

ΑΣΑ sorority reinstalls on Northwestern's campus

By Ashley Pierce
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State University Psi Psi chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority was reinstalled last weekend. This chapter is the only Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter in Louisiana.

Both the national Alpha Sigma Alpha president and vice president of public relations and recruiting were present at the installation ceremony to celebrate the re-establishment of an NSU chapter.

Over 30 years ago, Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority established a chapter here. They were the first group of women to have a sorority house, which was built on Greek Hill. The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha served NSU from 1930 to 1970.

The Psi Psi chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha is based on Kappa Delta Sigma, an organization started in 2001 by nine students at NSU. The 40 members of Kappa Delta Sigma completed the necessary requirements for becoming a formal sorority.

"We felt that Alpha Sigma Alpha was perfect for us," said Naomi Chrissoverges, Alpha Sigma Alpha's vice president of programming and ritual.

Alpha Sigma Alpha was founded by five female students in Farmville, Va. who were very different in background but all had a common goal. Their goal was to create a sorority that let its members keep their individual identity while still being part of a sisterhood. The NSU chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha strives to do just that.

"Most of our ladies didn't feel like they were the sorority type, but they still wanted to be involved in an organization," said Mackenzie Deshotel, Alpha Sigma Alpha member and social work major. "In a way, we're like the 'un-sorority' sorority."

One major difference between Alpha Sigma Alpha and other sororities on campus is that they have both black and white members.

"The only conflict we've had with having multi-racial members," vice president of public relations and recruitment Ashley Layrisson said, "is that some girls who were interested in us also wanted to be associated with a Pan-Hellenic sorority. You can't be both."

Even the sorority's national mascot, the Raggedy Ann doll, demonstrates diversity.

"Our national mascot is the Raggedy Ann doll, because she's not perfect," Deshotel said. "She doesn't fit into any mold. We're based on differences."

Alpha Sigma Alpha has also had the highest grade point average of all fraternities and sororities for the past three semesters.

"It is important to us to maintain our organization, but at the same time school comes first," Chrissoverges said.

This year was the first year for Alpha Sigma Alpha to go through formal sorority recruitment. They are one of four National Panhellenic Conference sororities who participate in formal rush.

"Since we're new, it's a little more difficult," Chrissoverges said. "At the same time, our national headquarters have been completely and utterly surprise and happy at how we've done as a first-year chapter."

Other sororities offered their help with recruitment processes and formalities.

"All the other sororities have been so supportive," Layrisson said. "We got flowers, candy, well-wishes, and so much support throughout the entire recruitment period. It was so nice."

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Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority celebrated their installation at the Prudhomme House. Dinner, live bands and presentations were some of the events of the evening.

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NSU Soccer slides pass Nicholls

By Andrew "Gihad" David
Sauce Reporter

Despite injuries to a core group of players, the NSU Demon soccer team prevailed against Nicholls State 1-0 in a game that saw the Demons and Colonels testing each other's wills.

The Demons' only goal came from freshman forward Ashley Hadley early on in the first extra period.

With the win against the Colonels and a 2-1 loss against Southeastern Sunday the Demons find themselves entwined in a tie with the Southeastern Lions for the No.1 spot in the Southland Conference.

The Demons held a 1-0 lead against the Lions on Sunday, but the depth of Southeastern proved to be too much for NSU to contend with when the constant pressure of the Lion offense scored two goals in the closing moments of the second half.

Despite the loss, goalkeeper Nellie Latolais continues to play as one of the SLC top goalkeepers recording eight saves, bringing her total for the year to 97.

With only two games left, the Demons are looking to finish the regular season strong, and possibly win the regular season SLC title.

Both games will be against SLC opponents, with McNeese State Friday at 3 p.m. and Stephen F. Austin Sunday.

Upcoming Northwestern Athletic Events

Football:	**Sam Houston** **Thursday at 7 p.m.**	**Volleyball:**	**Nicholls State** **Friday at 7 p.m.**
NSU Crew:	**Louisiana State Championships** **At New Orleans** **Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**		**SLU** **Saturday at 7 p.m.**
Soccer:	**McNeese State** **Friday at 3 p.m.** **Stephen F. Austin** **Sunday at 2 p.m.**	**Track:**	**SLC Championships** **Monday at 9:30 a.m.**

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Demons 7-1 with win over NSU

By Joshua "BOO!" Barrios
Sauce Reporter

In a nationally televised game, the NSU Demons took the Nicholls State Colonels through a battle that would leave the Demons with one more victory to celebrate.

The Demons traveled to Thibodaux, Louisiana to play the Colonels live on Fox Sports Net last Thursday and nearly let a four-game winning streak go. Through the first half of the game the Demons fought hard to stop the Colonels from gaining any ground.

The only points scored in the first quarter belonged to Nicholls State. Punt returner David Plaisance gave them this score on an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown. NSU's forced punt, fumble, and the Colonels quick return made the game's future seem dim, but it was not over yet.

Later in the second quarter Toby Zeigler stepped up to help the Demons with a 28-yard touchdown reception from Kevin Magee. That reception was Zeigler's longest on the game and was only a small part of the 156 overall passing yards the Demons had that night.

The Demons would later allow the Colonels to get ahead with a score of 14-7 until the fourth quarter.

Magee who threw all of the Demon's 156 passing yards also made a one-yard rush himself to score the tying touchdown with a little over six minutes left in the game.

After three more possession exchanges the Demons would end up on top for good with a five-yard touchdown rush by Shelton Sampson. Chris Jones' fumble recovery with 17 seconds left sealed the Demon victory at the final seconds wore down.

Head coach Scott Stoker said he did not think the game went as scripted, but that the team did well finding a way to win against the nationally ranked Colonels.

"I think the kids played extremely well under some adverse conditions," Stoker said. "We've gotten a lot better each week."

Stoker blames the weekly downfalls on immaturity but believes that the team will continue to improve in the final weeks.

Last week's win gave the Demons a 7-1 record on the season with their only loss going to the No. 5 ranked Georgia Bulldogs. The last time the Demons were 6-1 they lost the next game of the season and the last time they were 7-1 Stoker was the starting quarterback.

The Demons also made a move in rank after the win pushing to No. 3 in both the Sports Network media poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

They are currently ranked No. 1 in the Southland Conference with their final two opponents; McNeese and Stephen F. Austin, following close behind.

Photo by Gary "Howlin'" Hardamon
Justin K. Brown and Chris Jones share a totally masculine hug after the Demons 21-14 win over the other, other NSU Colonels. With the nationally televised win, Northwestern gained a record of 7-1.

"None of those polls really matter," Stoker said. "All we can do is control our own destiny."

Today the Demons take on Sam Houston at Turpin Stadium at 7 p.m. This game, like the last, will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

"They play good one week and bad the next week," Stoker said of Sam Houston. "I hope they stay on the bad side."

Demon track teams take second at the Lamar Invitational

By Patrick "Skeleton" West
Sauce Reporter

Freshman runners for the Northwestern State Demons men's and women's track team shined in the Lamar Cross Country Invitational leading them to a pair of second place team finishes.

The Lady Demon track team was led by freshman runner Abby Salomon with a fifth place finish at a time of 12:13 over the two mile course. Four other Lady Demons finished in the top ten.

Linzie Ledford finished seventh with a 12:30, and Margeaux Fisher was eighth with a time of 12:33, followed by Missy Payne with 12:40. Rounding off the top ten was freshman Peggy Hill with a 12:41 in a close race.

Two other Lady Demons finished strong by a 13th place finish by Christy Stark (12:53) and 19th from Jill Schenk (13:16).

The Northwestern State Demon Lady track team finished second overall in the team standings.

The Lady Demons were 31 points behind first place Lamar and followed by third place University of Louisiana Lafayette with 44 points.

The men's track team was led by freshman Chris Groome who scored his first top ten of the season. He placed seventh with a time of 16:31 with fellow teammate Blake Hines taking 13th and a time of 17:19 to score for the first time this season.

Northwestern got a 2-3 finish from Jonah Chemino (16:01) and Noah Murgor (16:05) over the 6,000-meter course.

Roy Ramirez placed 17th with a time of 17:41 and Michael Hicks was 19th at a time of 18:24.

The men's track team finished second behind first place Lamar University with 38 points and was followed by University of Louisiana Lafayette by 45 points.

The meet was the last one before the 2002 Southland Conference Championships hosted by Northwestern State on Monday, Nov. 4.

Holy cow, Demons win...Demons win!!!

By Andrew "Gihad" David
Sauce Reporter

The Demon volleyball team ended the month of October on a good note with a 3-2 hard fought victory Saturday night against Southland Conference team Sam Houston.

The win was a welcomed end to a three game road trip that saw the Demons dropping two games to Stephen F Austin and Louisiana Monroe, as well as racking up three home losses prior to the start of the road trip.

The much-maligned Demon volleyball team owed their success against the Bearkats to senior outside hitter Christina Stone who led the way with 25 kills, 21 digs and just four attacking errors.

Assisting Stone in the effort were junior outside hitter Becky David and freshman setter Flavio Belo. David accounted for 19 kills and 17 digs, while Belo tallied up 17 kills, 14 digs, 28 assists and 9 total blocks to press the Demons on to victory.

The Bearkats and Demons warred back and forth on the squeaky purple battlegrounds of Prather Coliseum with the Bearkats gaining an early advantage winning two of the first games 30-17. The Demons answered back in the second game taking a 30-24 win, but Sam Houston responded with a narrow 30-28 victory. The Demons reacted to the pressure though, and swept the last two games 30-22 and 15-12.

Although the Demons had cause for celebration with a win over Sam Houston, they will not find much else to celebrate this season as they have set up shop at the bottom of the SLC with an 11-18 record.

The Demons will go in search of another moral victory when they meet up with Nicholls State Friday at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

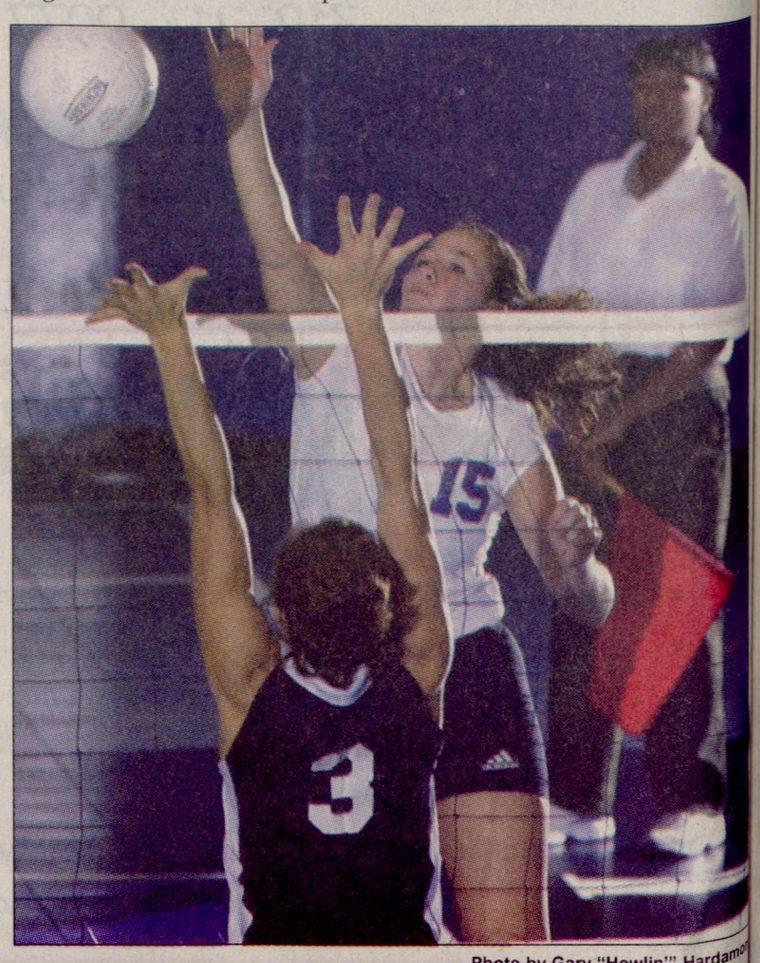

Photo by Gary "Howlin'" Hardamon
Chelsea Smith and fellow Demon volleyball players ended their winning drought this week with a win against Sam Houston.

FREAKY FOOTBALL: NSU AND HELLOWEEN

A look ahead to the Demons ghoulish night of football against the Sam Houston Bearkats

By Patrick "Skeleton" West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons will host the Sam Houston State Bearkats in a Halloween showdown Thursday night at Turpin Stadium.

"Made the move to Halloween so students would be more excited and ready to have a good time and be creative and have fun," Doug Ireland said.

Northwestern State has not faired well on Halloween games losing 4 out of 5 on this spooky night. Overall the Demons have played a total of 9 games on Halloween and have only won 4 of those games.

The last Halloween game was in 1992 and the Demons pulled off a last minute drive winning the game by throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass with 30 seconds left in the game. Northwestern State had to regain the lead twice in the final eight minutes to preserve the 20-17 win over South West Texas.

Helping the Demons in 1992 was Isabella. She made a guest appearance by running across the field during the Halloween halftime festivities.

This will be the Demons third game on a Thursday night in front of a regional televised audience. Fox Sports will air the game and is looking for pumped up fans in creative costumes.

"Chance to be a unforgettable night, a chance to be silly and fun and the Television audience magnifies the event 100 times," Ireland said. "I expect to laugh a lot while I am looking through the crowd during the TV commercials."

"This is going to be the biggest party in the history of Natchitoches," Ireland said.

Northwestern State hopes to break a three-year losing skid to the Bearkats on Halloween night. The Demons have lost the last three games including a 30-14 victory last season in Huntsville, Texas.

The Demons, 7-1 overall, face a Sam Houston team that is 3-5 overall and has outscored NSU 78-27 in the last three years.

The Demons are hoping to extend its eight game home winning streak at Turpin Stadium. Northwestern State has averaged 42 points at home during the eight game streak.

NSU is averaging 400 yards offensively, tops in the Southland Conference and 25th nationally, while the Bearkats are giving up 350 yards per game. Sam Houston features a productive passing offense with the top two receivers in the SLC.

Defensively the Demons are fifth in the conference in pass defense allowing 165 yards per game with 11 TDs. The Bearkats defense is allowing 202 yards a game in the air.

No. 3 ranked Demons is coming off a close win last week against the No. 22 ranked Colonels driving late in the fourth quarter for the go ahead touchdown for the close 21-14 win. The Bearkats are coming off a 47-10 loss at the hands of No. 2 McNeese State.

"The way we won last week in the fourth quarter shows what a team we have," Ireland said.

Expect the unexpected Halloween night at Turpin Stadium set for a 7 pm kickoff time and can be seen on Fox Sports Net.

Four NSU Crew boats medal at Texas PumpkinHead Regatta

By "Jinxed" Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

The NSU crew team is currently enjoying a successful, exciting season.

The team traveled to Austin, Texas Saturday for its third race of the season, the Pumpkin Head of the Colorado. The team placed in all of the races, and won medals in four of them.

Head crew coach, Alan Pasch said the team was definitely prepared for the PumpkinHead regatta and that it was a perfect size for the novice members of the team.

"There was a nice amount of schools that participated, and the race wasn't too big or overwhelming for our novices, but it wasn't too small either," Pasch said.

The race included a number of rowing teams from Texas and other areas, but NSU was the only school from Louisiana that participated. Pasch said that competing against different teams made the event even more appealing.

"We were mainly competing against schools from the Southwestern conference," Pasch said. "Everyone is so used to competing against the Southeastern conference, and the change made the race more interesting."

Novice crew member, Jessica Callac said that even though it was a messy day, the team enjoyed the competition.

"We were very cold and wet that day, but we still did very well," Callac said. " It was so exciting, and we felt a lot of competition because it was Texas's river. When we passed their boats, that just made us want to achieve our goal even more."

The crew team entered 15 races. The open-eight mixed boat received second place; men's novice lightweight eight received second place; women's varsity received third place; and women's novice four received second place.

NSU crew will travel to New Orleans, Louisiana, Sunday for the state tournament. Pasch said that he thinks the team will perform extremely well.

"Varsity is very strong and positive, and they motivate the novices to win," Pasch said. "We'll definitely do better than last year because we're a much better crew and everyone is more comfortable and used to my coaching style."

PumpkinHead Results

Women's Open 4+	
3rd place	20:29.8
Women's Novice 4+	
3rd place	23:14.6
Mixed Open 8+	
2nd	17:29.7
Men's Novice-2 8+	
2nd	19:02.3

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Audit: $60,000 misused

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

State auditors found numerous instances of wrongdoing that resulted in the misuse of more than $60,000, according to their report.

According to the report dated Oct. 30 presented by legislative auditor Daniel Kyle:

- NSU Continuing Education Dean Alvin Brossette, Jr. submitted a fake invoice to the University.
- The Ben D. Johnson Educational Center, which the report said Brossette worked for, received $42,331 for contracted training that did not take place.
- Brossette approved apparently falsified documents that authorized payment for services that NSU employees may have not or did not provide.

Brossette said he did not agree with any of the audit's findings.

"I do not concur with the audit findings," Brossette said. "The findings do not reflect what I know about the program that was going here at the University."

Brossette | Moffett | Vogel

"When the audit came, they (the auditors) had already concocted their story and they heard what they wanted to hear to," Brossette said.

In the report, Brossette said the $42,331 was to pay for computers purchased for training Alliance's employees. Brossette also told the *Sauce* that the money was used for training.

"The services were provided, the people were trained, they were hired by Alliance Compressors," Brossette said.

Legislative Auditor Daniel Kyle refuted Brossette's claims, saying the auditors were fact finders and did their jobs properly.

"Even though there were allegations, we go in with a clean state and we determine for ourselves what actually happened," Kyle said. "Everything in the report is backed up in our report papers. We have documentation for everything we said."

Kyle said the report papers, while not available to the public, would be made available to prosecutors should criminal charges be filed.

In the report, Kyle said the University agreed in to monitor a $122,669 state Department of Economic Development training contract with Natchitoches' Alliance Compressors in June 1998. Brossette was charged with monitoring the contract on the University's behalf.

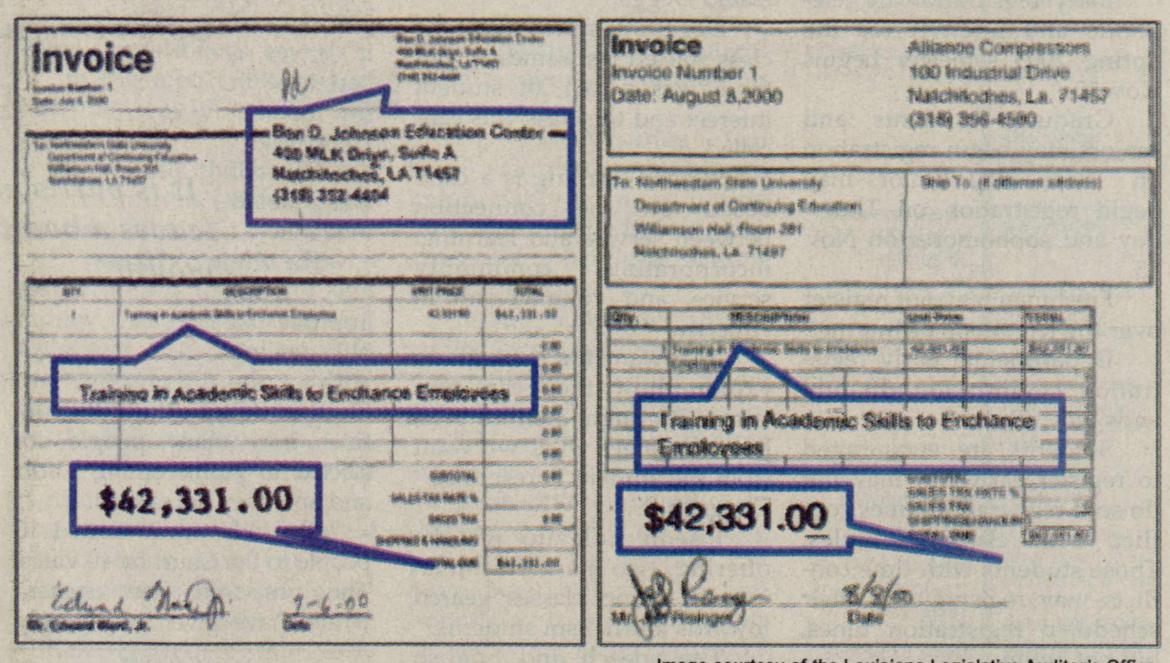

Image courtesy of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office
Two invoices, labelled by the legislative audit report as being fabricated, are shown side by side to illustrate how similar they are. The University refused the one on the left but accepted and paid for the one on the right.

Of the money, Kyle said in the report that $42,331 was to be used to train 60 Alliance hires in basic academic skills through the Natchitoches-based Ben D. Johnson Educational Center.

Kyle reported that Brossette submitted a letter on June 16, 2000, to the Economic Development department with the names of 56 people that completed the center's training. However, the report stated that Lora Hayes, the Continuing Education department's

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SGA stalls on another 'nicety'

By *Sauce* Staff
With Garrett Guillotte

The Student Government Association senate met Monday night for just over an hour only to spend a majority of the meeting time discussing a bill to support the single-lender rule. The senate also passed another piece of legislation regarding elections, put a senator up for removal and nominated several senators to various committees.

Bill FA02-015, sponsored by freshman senator Amanda Breaux, was a courtesy sponsor bill for Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu and an Ohio Representative's single-lender legislation.

The national legislation proposes to amend national laws against loan rate consolidation. Because many college students have student loans, the fate of the national legislation is applicable to many NSU students.

Opposing the bill was junior class senator Dustin Floyd. Floyd opposed the publicity that would have possibly been given to Landrieu in Tuesday's elections.

"If we like the single-lender rule…we should strike the names of the senators from the bill because elections are tomorrow," Floyd said.

SGA president Stacie Cosby disagreed with Floyd, citing his own bill from last week's meeting regarding Oprah Winfrey Day.

"It's like what we did for

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KNWD GM to resign for pregnancy

By Drew David
Sauce Reporter

Video may have killed the radio star, but pregnancy has sidelined the general manager of KNWD 91.7 FM, NSU's campus radio station.

Senior public relations journalism major and general manager of KNWD Julie Pitts is resigning from her post so that she may deliver and take care of her forthcoming child.

Pitts had indicated in the Sept. 12 edition of the *Current Sauce* she would remain as general manager throughout the pregnancy, but would entrust her day-to-day responsibilities to KNWD public relations manager, roommate and close friend, post-graduate public relations journalism major Jessica Cramer.

However, that plan was altered a week ago when Pitts changed her mind about staying as her due date drew nearer and she began pondering her readiness in handling both the tasks of motherhood and operating a radio station.

"It's my first child and I don't know exactly what its all going to entail," Pitts said. Although she would have been allowed a leave of absence, Pitts was unsure if the six-week period allowed would be sufficient.

"I don't want to be responsible for the radio station after six weeks of recovery if I'm not emotionally ready to be back in there," Pitts said.

Although Pitts had named Cramer as her choice for acting manager in September, her new suggestion to the media board will be senior broadcast journalism major, urban music director and DJ Warner Turdeau.

Photo by Glenn Ward
KNWD General Manager Julie Pitts shows off her baby belly Wednesday evening. Pitts is suggesting urban director Warner Tureaud as her replacement.

"Warner's been working with me side by side this semester and has learned a lot of the office skills," Pitts said. "I really think that Warner deserves it."

Pitts also said that Cramer, although not receiving her nomination for general manager, would remain as the station's PR director.

With Pitts' spring departure a foregone conclusion, the only unresolved matter is the appointment of a new general manager.

According to the Student Government constitution and by-laws, the document that governs appointments of executive members of student media, the NSU Media Board must be called to order to nominate a student to fill the general manager position. That nomination would then be sent to floor of the senate for confirmation by that body.

Etched on Stone

■ *Age-old chalk writing methods still active on campuses*

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Humans' practice of writing on surfaces started around 30,000 years ago. The Cave of Chauvet in France is one place where prehistoric man drew figures of animals, humans' figures and stencils of hands on cave walls for communicative or religious purposes.

The civilization of man has gone through many technological advances since the inception of cave drawing, but the practice itself is still abundant and only a tad removed from its original form.

Chalking or the writing upon sidewalks or a building's walls is the modern form of cave drawing. Whereas prehistoric man's work was a precursor to written language, today's drawings are announcements about parties, elections and even social movements.

On Sept. 30, 1997, "Vote Tri-Sig" and the rendering of a sailboat appeared on NSU's campus courtesy of a Tri-Sigma push for votes in an SGA election.

NSU Crew was also used chalking around the same time as the Tri-Sigmas. Alan Pasch, head coach, was a rower when the crew used chalk around campus for self-promotion.

"We stopped doing it because of complaints," Pasch said. "Somebody wrote a letter to the editor and then everyone wrote in—students, faculty—and it was a big argument."

Pasch was under the assumption that the school had banned campus chalk

Photo by Garrett Guillotte
Two chalk figures embrace on a side of the art department addition.

writing, but the student handbook has nothing concerning the act.

Luke Dowden remembered the two happenings and said there was much issue about the practice of chalking around campus.

"They (administrators) just basically said 'no more,'" said Luke Dowden, assistant director of student activities.

The University of Colorado in Boulder and Swarthmore College located in Pennsylvania have both fallen prey to messages of intolerance written around campus. Colorado's administrators are now attempting to form a chalking policy.

In response to an excess of campus chalking Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., adopted guidelines. Personal dialogues are prohibited, chalking is allowed only in dedicated areas and the organization is responsible for removing the chalk after the

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
72°/42°	75°/48°	72°/55°
0% chance of rain	20% chance of rain	60% chance of rain

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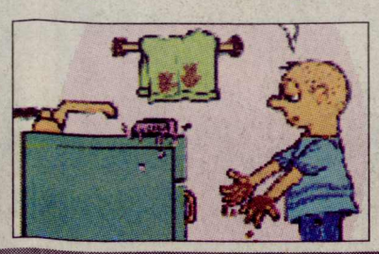

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Spring registration to start soon, with new classes

By Sauce staff

Early registration by telephone and internet for the Spring 2003 semester begins Nov. 13.

Graduate students and seniors may begin registration on Wednesday. Juniors may begin registration on Thursday and sophomores on Nov. 15.

Freshmen may not register over the telephone or Internet.

Departmental early registration begins Nov. 18 and ends Nov. 22.

Students are encouraged to register early but may not do so if registration times conflict with class schedules. Those students with time conflicts may register after their scheduled registration times, but not before.

The spring semester promises six new courses for NSU students. There are new courses available in the colleges of business, chemistry and physics, language and communications, and the University College.

Pam Miller will be offering new classes in marketing/management. Management 4450, which will focus on purchasing and supply management, will be available in both undergraduate and post-graduate classes.

The class will cover the selection of suppliers, managing suppliers, supplier quality management, global purchasing, negotiation, and all other aspects of supply management.

"Anyone working in a business could learn from this class," Miller said.

Interdisciplinary studies offers another new course this year, a 2000 level course titled service learning, taught by University College advisor David Deggs.

Deggs attempted to get the class started last semester, but there was a lack of student interest and the class was cancelled.

Service learning is a class based on the connection between service and learning, incorporating community service, and volunteerism in America.

"We want the students to explore how they can contribute through their careers, but ultimately what we want from the student is response," Deggs said.

Joseph Colavito will be offering two new freshman interest group classes geared towards journalism students.

The speech and English courses will be comparable to other such classes but will have a definite slant towards journalism in the course readings and discussions.

Julie Kane will be offering an Advanced Poetry Writing 4090 course in the spring. Kane, selected for publication in the prestigious National Poetry Series for her collection *Rhythm and Booze*, will teach an intensive study and practical application of writing poetry.

The college of chemistry and science will offer a special topics class on forensic science.

Forensic science deals with any aspect of science as it pertains to the law. The class may cover subjects such as firearm and toolmark identification, crime science processing, personal identification, and criminal law.

To register online, visit www2.nsula.edu. To register by phone, call 1-800-618-1531 or 357-7016.

SGA revises elections

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Oprah Day, a nicety," Cosby said.

However, SGA senator Chris Henry also saw the bill as giving understood and unnecessary weight to the election candidates.

"It is partisan and it leaves a bad taste in my mouth," Henry said.

The bill was tabled indefinitely.

The senate did approve a bill dealing with the Election Board. The bill redefines how many people are elected to Homecoming Court and how they are elected.

The old system elected 10 people to the Court by 10 votes. The proposed new system would have given voters only eight votes with the top 10 candidates being chosen.

That provision was removed from the bill before it passed, however, as senators found faults with the discrepancy between votes cast per voter and the number of candidates chosen.

"It's like what we did for Oprah Day, a nicety."
Stacie Cosby
SGA president

"It is partisan and it leaves a bad taste in my mouth."
Chris Henry
SGA senator

Several senators were nominated and approved to various committees, including: Timberly Deville to the Grad Council, Kelli Miller to the Registration and Athletic Committees, Henry to the Faculty Recognition Committee, Mindy McConell to the Library Recognition Committee, and Miller and Liz Hughes to the Teacher Education Council.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Psychology Club

The NSU Psychology Club encourages all Psychology majors and minors to join. Meetings are held in Bienvenu Hall in Room 305 every other Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday at 3 p.m. There is no specific GPA required!

Tau Kappa Epislon

The members of Tau Kappa Epsilon will be holding a clothing drive from Oct. 31 until Nov. 22 If you wish to donate any items of clothing (t-shirts, jeans, sweats, etc) please bring them by the TKE House on Greek Hill and we will gladly take them in for donation. All proceeds will be given to charity so that the times can be distributed during Christmas. If you have any questions please direct them to Mr. Jeremy Ables at 352-9470.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week s issue of the Current Sauce, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Minutes 11-04-02
Call to Order- 7:06 p.m.
The prayer was lead by Dustin Floyd.
The pledge was lead by Cade Strong.

Roll Call:
Present
Adam Allen
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brossett
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Andy Dye
Timberly Deville
Dustin Floyd
Tometrius Greer
Chris Henry
Jared Hewitt
Liz Hughes
Brian Jarreau
Jennifer Jensen
Chris Johnson
Linzie Ledford
Scott Manguno
Cory Markham
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Cade Strong
Taylor Morgan
Casey Ponder
Ken Romas
Adam Stoll
Alan Sypert
Liz Webb
Absent
Ken Romas
Ryan Terry
Timmy Watts

Executive Reports
Treasurer- Dustin Mathews
The new budget is out. Organizational grants will meet at 6:15 on Monday, and Fiscal will at 11:00 am on Wednesdays.

Vice President -Jennifer Jenson
December 9th will be the Christmas Party at Trailboss. Cogratulations to Cade Strong for being named October Senator of the Month.

President - Stacie Cosby
We will be voting on people to go to COSGA.

Departmental Reports
Academic Affairs- Mindy McConell
Our meetings are Wed. at 2:30. Scantron Giveaway is Mondays from 9-12:30. We will be having a parliamentary meeting next week, I'll get back to you with the time.

External Affairs- Cade Strong
The new radio show is Fridays from 1-3. External meets at 4:15 on Tuesday, and Club Sports meets at 5:00. We put up signs for new scantron hours, only the executives will be on the web page.

Fiscal Affairs- Dustin Mathews
Same as Treasurers report.

Internal Affairs- Greg Comeaux
Fiscal matters dealing with the treasure.

Student Affairs- Luke Hutchinson
Talked with chief, and got the Louisiana School parking lot changed to a commuter parking lot. Traffic Appeals meets at 2:00.

SAB Report- Ryan Terry
Ryan was not present.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
The handicap ramp is finished. Please get busy on Legislation.

Supreme Court Report- Supreme Court Justice
Wednesday at 4:30, the court convened. We discussed items from internal affairs. I will report back with the results next week.

Old Business
Adam Stoll moves to approve bill FA02-013. Cade Strong seconds. Mindy McConnell moves to amend the bill, Tometrius Greer seconds. Motion passes by general consent. The amended FA02-009 passes by role call vote 23-0-0. Linzie Ledford left the room. Mindy McConnell moves to approve bill FA02-015. Adam Stoll seconds. Dustin Floyd moves to lay the question on the table, Cade Strong seconds it. The motion fails by role call vote 9-13-0. Jared Hewitt left the room. Amanda Breaux moves to remove the first line of the bill, Mindy McConnell seconds. Motion passes by role call vote 20-1-0. Luke moves to open the floor for unfinished business. Adam Stoll seconds. Motion passes by general consent. Mindy McConnell moves to approve the seven people up for committees all in one motion and all by general consent. Alan Sypert seconds. Motion passes by general consent. Dustin Floyd moves to approve the following senators to the respective committees :Timberly Deville- Grad council, Kelli Miller to Registration Committee, Linzie Ledford to Athletic Council, Chris Henry to the Faculty Recognition Council, Mindy McConnell to the Library Recognition Committee, Kelli Miller and Elizabeth Webb to Teacher Education Council. Kelli Miller seconds the motion, motion passes by general consent. Congratulations.

Announcements
Office hours were great! Work on legislation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Chalk writing still common on campuses

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event.

NSU has no formal ruling on chalk writing. Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour deemed it as an effective way to promote campus events as long as the views expressed were not injurious.

University Detective Doug Prescott's stance on chalking around campus depends on what is being written.

"If something related to race or hate crimes was written it would be taken seriously," Prescott said, "but if it is just something like fraternities, sororities or football games we would not do anything."

"As long as there is not any damage done because it will wash away and it is not permanent," Prescott said.

NSU Police Blotter

Compiled by Linda D. Held

On Oct. 31 at 6:57 p.m. a female student called in a complaint that her tires were slashed in Boozman Hall parking lot. A report was filed.

A male student called in a complaint of damage to his car in the NSU theater parking lot.

At 10:12 p.m. a call was made to campus police of someone throwing eggs and bottles at Rapides Hall. An officer arrived on the scene at 10:17 p.m. and the situation was under control by 10:19 p.m. as the suspects were gone.

A female student saw some people stealing. When they noticed her they began chasing her to her dorm, Boozman Hall. The incident was logged.

Another call was received from Rapides Hall about a person throwing eggs at around 11:05 p.m. An officer responded and the complaint was logged.

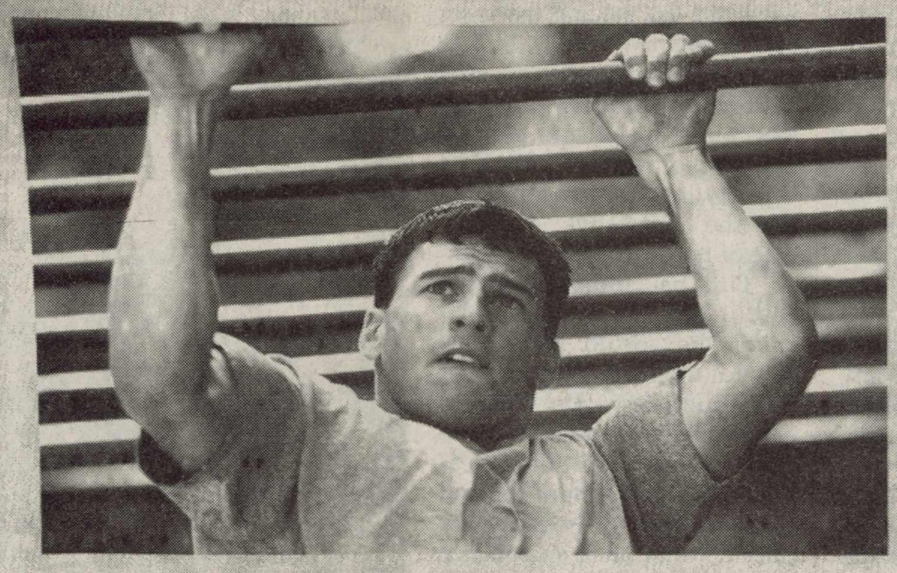
On Nov. 1 Sabine Hall front desk called at 3:05 a.m. requesting having a crowd dispersed. Two units arrived on the scene. The call was logged.

Around 3:15 a.m. a call was received from apt 1016 in the University Columns about an argument in the apartment directly above. Three units responded and the call was logged.

A call was received around 11:20 p.m. that all of the fraternity and sorority letters that were at the stadium have been thrown into Chaplin's Lake in front of the Kappa Sigma House.

On Nov. 2 around 8:20 p.m. a call was received from Caddo Hall of drunken suspects disturbing students. One suspect claimed to be Natchitoches Police. Two units responded to the call, but suspects were gone upon arrival.

On Nov. 4 around 8:45 p.m. the Sheriff's office reported a 911 hang up from 1118D of the University Columns. Campus police arrived at the columns at 8:50 p.m. and questioned the only person in the apartment at the time. She had no knowledge of a 911 hang up. No charges were made.



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Webb supports report, plans action

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had been previously trained under other unrelated grants.

Brossette said he did not tell Hayes to falsify anything.

"I have never asked any employee to create anything fictitious," Brossette said.

In the report, Kyle also accused Brossette of submitting, but not of creating, a fictitious invoice that resulted in the payment of the $42,331 to the center even though no training took place.

The report says the University refused to pay the first invoice because their contract was with Alliance Compressors, of whose employees' training Brossette was in charge, and not the center.

On Aug. 8, 2000, an invoice that the report says was apparently from Alliance was submitted to the University, with the amount and service description matched word for word. Days later, the report says the University cut a $42,331 check.

Alliance and a "Ben Johnson" endorsed the check. However, the report says the Alliance invoice was fraudulent.

Between June 30, 2000, and Aug. 30, 2000, the report says a check register from the Ben D. Johnson Educational Foundation showed three checks totaling $6,336 in value were written to Brossette.

Kyle said that while the report could not specify what the money was actually used for, he stood by the report's findings that the money was misused.

Kyle also said in the report that Brossette submitted apparently falsified documents that resulted in assistant professor Sherman Vogel and instructor Kevin Nora being paid for work they did not do, and assistant professor Glenn Moffett for work he may not have done.

The report did not cite who falsified the reports. Brossette said he did not fake any reports himself.

"I have never falsified anything on the behalf of anybody," Brossette said.

Kyle said in the report that Moffett and Vogel both received pay for work they may not have done in incidents during June 2001 and May 2002.

The report said Moffett received $10,990.28 for 90 hours of work reported in two time sheets from July 2001, a rate of about $122 per hour.

The state Department of Labor, which was in charge of the grant work Moffett was being paid for as its coordinator, e-mailed the University stating that the maximum pay rate an employee in Moffett's position could receive was no more than $31.25 per hour.

According tot he report, on Oct. 9, 2001, Brossette sent a letter to the Labor Department stating that Moffett's hours were misrepresented and should have been 368 hours.

Moffett said in the report that he worked more hours than he originally reported but was told by Hayes that he could only get paid for a fraction of them.

The report said Moffett added that he did not document how many hours he worked because he has a photographic memory.

The report also said that earlier this year, students were added to attendance rosters in 40 occasions of Nora's classes after they were turned in even if they were not present.

Nora's pay was determined from the number of students present, thus inflating the amount of money he received, according to the report.

Nora, hired in March, told the auditors that Moffett requested him to give Moffett up to half of each of his inflated paychecks. Moffett told the auditors that he did not.

The report also said that in May, Moffett recommended that Vogel should assume his duties of coordinator of the grant program since Moffett had reached his limit of extra income.

The report said Vogel was paid $7,520 for 360 hours of work between May 2002 and June 2002. Vogel, however, told auditors he did not work all of those hours and could not provide any proof of how many hours he did work.

Rather, Vogel told auditors in the report that Moffett instructed him to report 360 hours. Brossette said in the report that Vogel did work all of those hours, and the report stated that Brossette approved Vogel's time sheet.

In the report, only Vogel said he would return any money he wrongly received.

Kyle said the University was responsible for the money provided to it.

"The University has a responsibility to control that money that goes through it," Kyle said. "So there's a definite weakness in internal controls for this to take place."

University President Randall Webb brought about the legislative audit on June 26. The report said Webb notified Kyle after learning that attendance records for training sessions may have been inflated, which referred to the Nora-Moffett incident.

In both a letter in an appendix to the audit and a University press release, Webb said he fully concurs with the report's findings and would implement new measures to prevent further abuse, but did not specify any further details.

Brossette said he was "not at liberty to say" what he would do in response to the audit or the University's support of it.

As of press time, the University was actively employing Brossette as the Dean of Continuing Education. He had been placed on paid administrative leave when the audit was announced in July.

Neither criminal charges nor University disciplinary actions have yet been brought against anyone mentioned in the report.

District Attorney Van Kyzar said there would be an independent investigation into the audit before any arrests or other legal actions would be made.

Kyzar said legislative audits are not uncommon, and that NSU is occasionally the subject of such an audit.

"All public institutions are subject to audit review by the legislative audit office to determine if the accounting procedures are proper and have been adhered to and hopefully to ensure public money is not being misused," Kyzar said.

The last legislative audit of a Louisiana university to find serious fraud was last year's report on Grambling State University, which found a former athletic department employee diverting more than $35,000 of ticket receipts to an illicit bank account.

The NSU audit report is public record and is available on-line though the state auditor's website at www.lla.state.la.us.

Timeline of Errors

June 1998
Department of Economic Development grants Alliance contract to NSU

May 1998
Ben D. Johnson Educational Center trains employees under grant

Nov. 1999
The center trains more employees under grant.

Aug. 17, 2000
University pays the center $42,331 after receiving a potentially fake Alliance invoice

June 16, 2000
Brossette sends NSU list of names by employee Lora Hayes, who said Brossette wanted names from 1998,1999

May 2001
Moffett named coordinator of Labor Department ConAgra/Alliance training program

June 13, 2001
July 24, 2001
Brossette reportedly approves 60- and 30-hour time sheets for Moffett at a rate of $122/hour

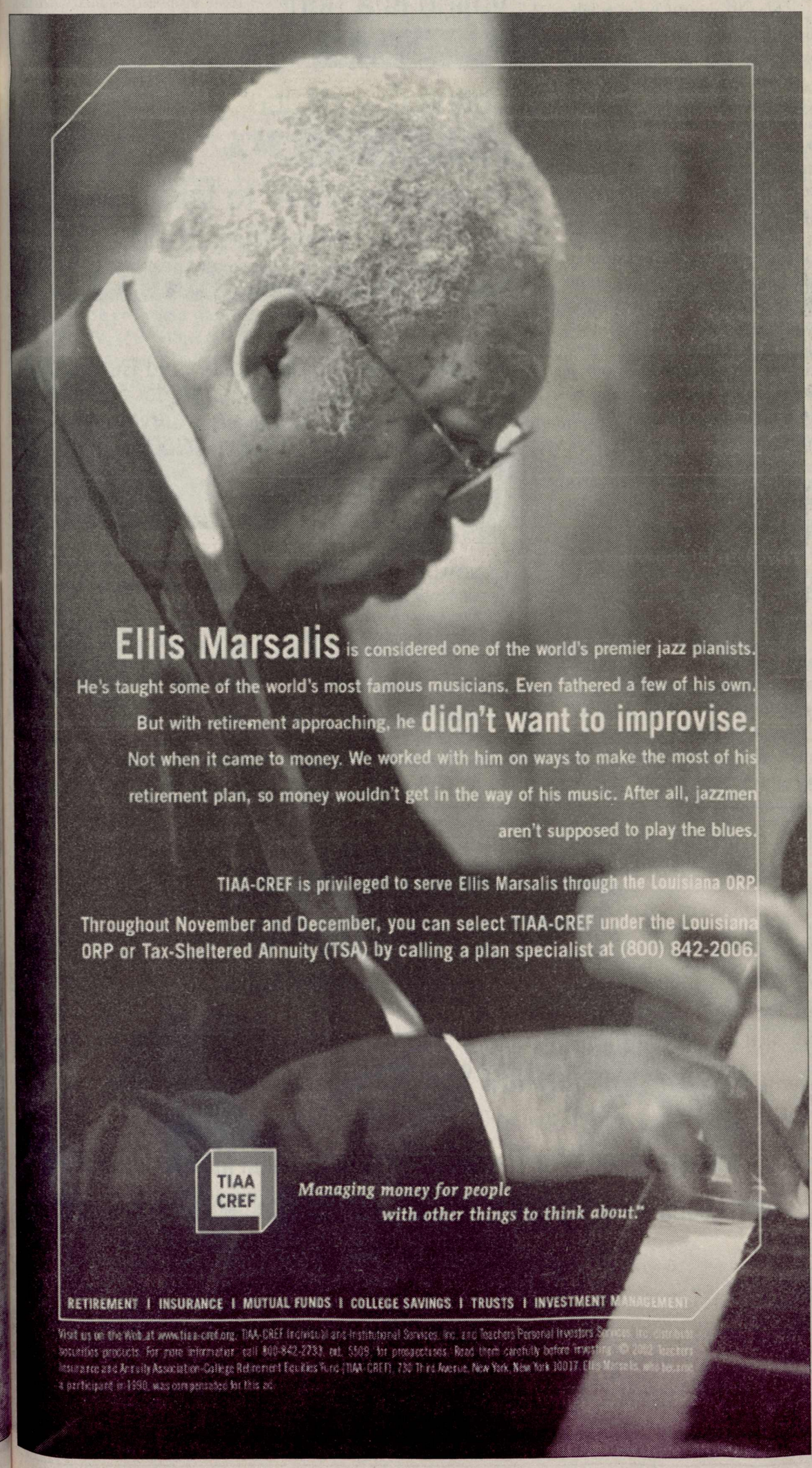
Oct. 9, 2001
Brossette sends letter clarifying Moffett's hours

March 2002
Nora hired for Continuing Ed.

May-June 2002
Vogel, in Moffett's position, is paid for hours he says he did not work

June 26, 2002
Webb calls Kyle with payroll fraud concerns

Oct. 30, 2002
Kyle releases report on audit



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2002 ELECTION

An election summary: Did your vote count?

By *Sauce* staff

Louisiana residents turned out to the polls Tuesday in vain hopes of electing, among others, a new Congressional Representative.

On Dec. 7 Louisiana will come back out to vote in run-off elections. Incumbent Mary Landrieu and Suzanne Haik Terrell will face off for a majority of the vote.

In Tuesday's elections, Landrieu received 46 percent of the vote and her next closest competitor was Terrell with 27 percent of the vote.

John Breaux is Louisiana's other Senator.

The entire nation will be focused on this one senatorial election because of the weight the new senator will swing to her party.

Currently, the Senate is split very nearly down the middle with 51 Republican senators, 47 democrat senators and two Independents. If elected, Terrell will swing the Republican Party into control of the Senate.

Louisiana also elected seven new House members. David Vitter, William Jefferson, Billy Tauzin, Jim McCrery, Richard H. Baker and Chris John were all reelected in their districts.

The new house is closely matched with 206 Democrat representatives and 227 Republican representatives. The House also has two Independent members.

The 5th District will have a run-off between Rodney Alexander and Lee Fletcher. The 5th District includes, among others, Iberville, Rapides and Winn parishes.

John Cooksey did not run for District 5 reelection in favor of his Senatorial campaign.

Voters also decided on 12 Louisiana Constitutional amendments.

Proposed Amendment No. 1 moved legislative sessions and fiscal sessions to better equip local representatives, and passed. Proposed Amendment No. 2 regarding individual and joint income tax limitations passed.

Proposed amendment No. 3 about the Minimum Foundation Program and the redistribution of state funds for allocations passed, as did proposed amendment No. 4 concerning removal of public employees from office.

Proposed amendment No. 5 failed. No. 5 would have allowed contractors for retirement communities to be exempt from some taxes.

Proposed amendment Nos. 6 and 7 both passed. No. 6 requires the governor to budget appropriately for law enforcement and fire protection. No. 7 now dictates that persons applying for homestead exemption will no longer be required to re-file annually.

Amendment Nos. 8 through 12 all failed.

No. 8 would have required Louisiana schools to invest up to 50 percent of all grants, gifts, endowments, and other funds.

No. 9 would have invested up to 35 percent of all Medicaid funds.

No. 10 would have established a fund to aid farmers who rely heavily on irrigation.

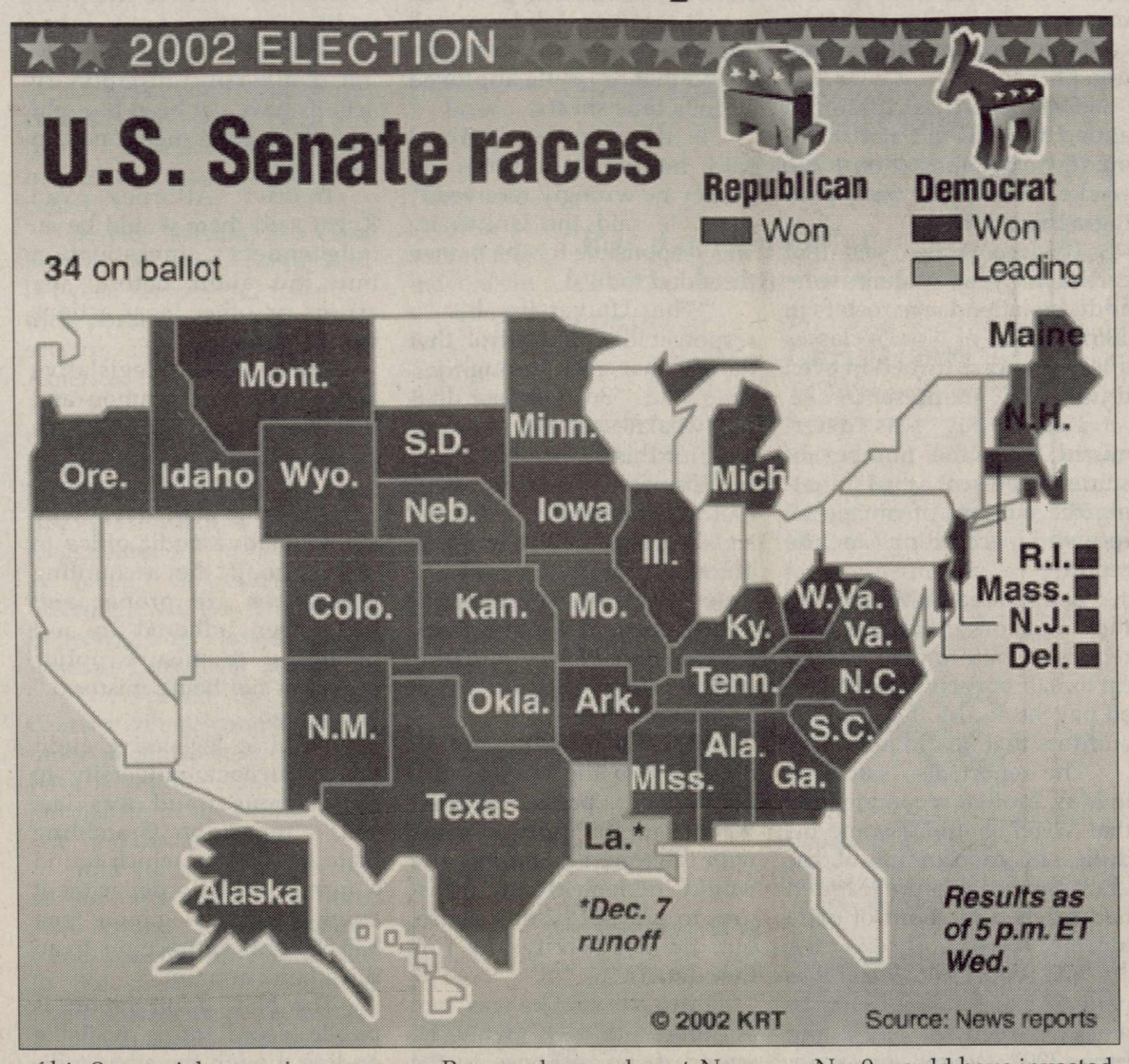
No. 11 would have exempted oil-drilling rigs from some state taxes, and No. 12 would have made the qualifications for Livingston Parish (6th District) determined by law.

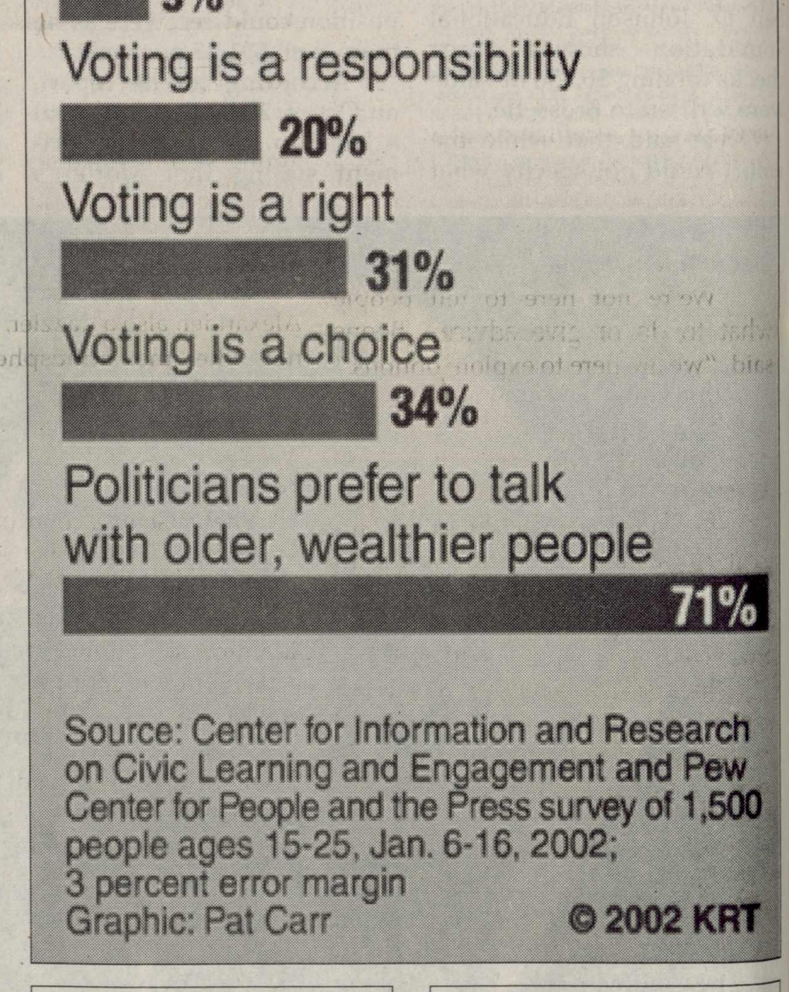
The Louisianan Secretary of State's offices Department of Elections estimates that some 38 to 40 percent of the state's registered voters turned out. This is a relatively high statistic for an election without a Presidential election where 60 to 65 percent may turn out to vote.

Voter turnout was lowest among registered voters ages 18 to 24. This is traditionally the lowest turnout age group.

Most NSU students are not registered to vote. Of those students that are registered, many still did not vote.

"I registered back home and I didn't have a way to get back home to vote," said Louisiana Scholars' College senior John Birch.





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A hands-off look at SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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Sexual harassment is defined as sexual innuendos, sexual graffiti and any unwanted sexual attention from another party. There are several ways for people to become sexually harassed. Grabbing one's buttocks without invitation is considered sexual harassment.

Sexual innuendos, sexual graffiti and persistent unwanted sexual attention are three of dozens of sexual harassment characteristics. In the past ten years, Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said there have been about three informal and formal student sexual harassment complaints at NSU.

"I have seen incidents where there have been allegations, but nothing was ever written up," Seymour said.

Director of Counseling and Career Services Rebecca Boone said, "I would imagine there are a lot more cases of harassment than are reported."

Boone, a licensed professional counselor and nationally certified counselor, said the counseling and career center, Room 305 of the Student Union, has two counselors and three interns available for victims to talk with.

"The amount of emotional trauma depends a lot on that person and how they handle things," Boone said.

Boone also said people who have been sexually abused could be more sensitive to sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is not the only thing that counselors deal with, but they are equipped to deal with sexual harassment victims.

"We're not here to tell people what to do or give advice," Boone said, "we are here to explore options."

Procedures to follow in the event of sexual harassment are described in the 2002-2003 Student Handbook, pages 61-64.

"It is the responsibility of the student to familiarize themselves with the handbook." Seymour said. Copies are available in all student affairs offices and in Orientation 1010.

The NSU Demon Dazzlers did not know the policy regarding sexual harassment complaints, but they said they take steps to deter sexual harassment.

The Demon Dazzlers perform at NSU events such as football games and pep rallies, and they said sexual harassment has not been a major problem for them.

"As a team we try to prevent it by going as a group to places," Angelin Adams, a junior English major, said.

Courtney Young, a junior theater major, said when they work out in the mornings, it is in groups of two or more.

Young said the team captains make sure the dancers do not do anything to promote or provoke sexual harassment. If harassment does occur, Young said it is like a slap in the face to the group.

"We don't egg anybody on. We don't encourage it," Young said.

Freshman business major Staci Alexander, also a dazzler, said she did not like the atmosphere outside Sabine Hall.

"When you don't feel safe where you're living, it's a problem," Alexander said.

Shelia Gentry, coordinator of residence halls, said there is a loitering nuisance outside Sabine and Iberville cafeteria. Gentry is in the process of attaining signatures for a petition to request crowd control in front of the buildings.

"Some of the girls feel a little threatened," Gentry said. Gentry does not feel comfortable enough to walk from Sabine to Rapides Hall when groups of 20 to 50 males stand outside.

"I feel like they're in charge," Gentry said about the groups. "We have 20 or 30 people running this dorm, but I feel like they're in charge."

"It's intimidating even if they aren't doing anything," Gentry said.

Students have the right to gather in those places unless they block doors, use profanity or physically contact someone when it is unwelcome. The latter of the two violates the student code of conduct, found on page 85 of the Student Handbook.

"You can't stop people from standing around," Frances Conine, director of student services, said. However, Conine said the University Police could take action against people blocking doorways.

"I think its wrong for people to feel harassed," Conine said.

Gentry said she wants the loitering to stop.

"We just want it to go away without hurting someone's rights," Gentry said. About 170 people have signed the Sabine petition.

Some students do not feel threatened by the groups of males standing around. Ladorian Latin, a freshman math major said people who get sexually harassed are not completely blameless.

"They cause it by the way they're dressed and by actually following the guys," Latin said.

Constance Berke, a freshman psychology major, said she thought girls who hit a male's buttocks and pinch them are sexually harassing the males.

"Girls take advantage of guys, but guys don't make a big deal about it," Berke said.

Matt Tucker, a sophomore physical education major, thinks males welcome the attention more than females. While he was speaking, a female friend kicked Tucker playfully on his buttocks.

"I don't see girls as a threat at all," Tucker said. Tucker had noticed a harassment problem for females outside Iberville and Sabine hall.

Tucker said, "I've seen them verbally harassed. I haven't seen any groping or anything." Tucker said the harassed females did not listen to the harassers and continued walking.

Verbal sexual harassment or other repeated offensive behaviors fall into the category of hostile environment sexual harassment when they create an unpleasant or intimidating work environment and unreasonably interfere with someone receiving an education

The other type of sexual harassment is called quid pro quo sexual harassment. It is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Submission to that conduct is a condition of a person's employment or academic advancement.

Sexual harassment, unlike campus crime, is not listed in annual crime statistics, and an accurate representation of sexual harassment incidents at NSU does not exist.

A student's initial complaint is informal. The student would meet with Seymour to discuss the charges and complete a sexual harassment complaint checklist. There would be further investigation and disciplinary action, discussion with parties involved, mediation and /or compromise. Seymour, a licensed mental health counselor with a master degree in counseling, would attempt to resolve the matter.

The endeavor to resolve any complaint, if done through mediation or discussion, is controlled by Seymour. Seymour deals with all violations of the student code of conduct.

If the complainant is pleased with the outcome, a confidential record is made of the informal complaint. If, however, he or she is unsatisfied with the result of the informal complaint process, the next step to take is initiating the formal grievance procedure. It is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct on page 85 of the Student Handbook.

The matter is pursued through the administrative chain, which is the immediate supervisor or the person who rendered the previous decision.

A formal sexual harassment complaint would go from Seymour to the Disciplinary Appeals Committee, which is made up of six faculty members and five students. From there, the complaint would go through the university president. Past the president is the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana University System. If the student is still unsatisfied, he or she could acquire a lawyer outside of the university system.

Are you familiar with sexual harassment?

Unwelcomed characteristics of sexual harassment:

- Shouting obscenities at women as they pass a fraternity house or other place where men gather.
- Loudly discussing a person's sexual attributes and rating his or her attractiveness.
- Mooning
- Pulling down a person's shorts or pants
- Creating a sexually demeaning atmosphere, such as displaying posters and pictures that are sexist or otherwise demeaning to women, or having social events focusing on women's sexuality, such as wet T-shirt contests
- Showing petty hostility by throwing things, pouring drinks over people's heads or a woman's breasts, or heckling people when they enter a room
- Making sexual remarks.
- Body passing at stadiums
- Biting a person
- Threatening rape or other sexual abuse.
- Sexual innuendos, comment, or bantering
- Asking or commenting about a person's sexuality
- Humor or jokes about sex
- Persistent sexual attention, especially when it continues after a clear indication that it is unwanted
- Asking for sexual behavior
- Touching a person, including patting, pinching, stroking, squeezing, hugging, or brushing against his or her body
- Touching or grabbing a person's breasts, crotch or buttocks
- Giving a neck or shoulder massage
- Leering or ogling, such as "elevator eyes," or staring at a woman's breast or body
- Spreading rumors about a person's sexual activities
- Calling people names such as "hot stuff," "cutie pie," "bitch," "whore," or "slut"
- Making obscene or sexually suggestive gestures or sexual sounds such as sucking or kissing noises.
- Sexual graffiti in general or about a particular person
- Using sexual ridicule to denigrate or insult a person
- Sending sexual mail, notes, e-mail, or making sexually explicit phone calls
- Sending, giving, showing, or displaying sexual materials, including pornography, sexual pictures, cartoons and calendars
- Laughing at or not taking seriously some one who experiences sexual harassment
- Blaming the victim of sexual harassment for having caused it
- Making denigrating, sexist remarks about a gender in general or about a particular member of that gender
- Stalking a person either on or off campus
- Direct or indirect threats or bribes for sexual activity
- Attempted or actual sexual assault or abuse.

For questions regarding sexual harassment call:
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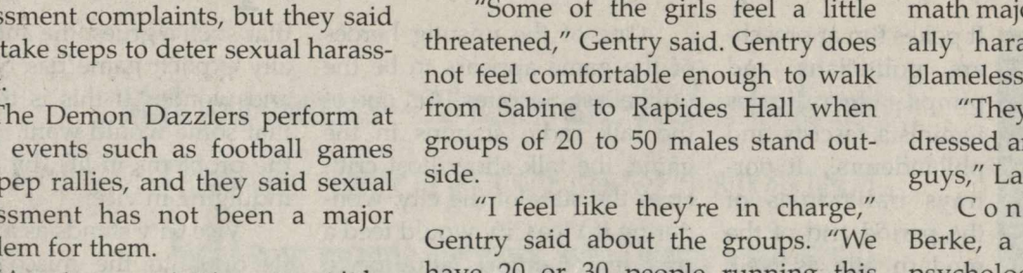

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Oprah: Larger than life, right next to Jesus

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

Does Natchitoches not have any dignity?

So, I just finished watching Oprah, the queen of daytime talk, make a mockery of our quaint redneck, college town. I must say I am very embarrassed for Peggy Plunkett and those of you so called residents who will live here after your four, I mean five or six, years of college are over.

How intelligent do you have to be to see Oprah's blatant charade of making a joke of Natchitoches? I must say I was almost convinced she had lived in Natchitoches all of her life with her cheesy country accent. Hey, Peggy, she was making fun of you.

Honestly, even Oprah thought she was bigger than Jesus during Homecoming.

Speaking of Homecoming, isn't it supposed to be one of our biggest days of the fall. I must ask the 2002 Homecoming court how it feels to be overshadowed by a visitor with loads of money? I guess your parade was rained on; okay so maybe not your parade but the day after, you guys were pretty wet. It was a shame Oprah had to mention that Northwestern State University was in Natchitoches during her show because any weight a degree from here carried has been totally negated.

I know every week we have something to say about the Student Government, but hell guys, did we really have to boost her ego with "Oprah Day." That's correct your SGA has passed legislation claiming Oct. 18 as "Oprah Day." Holy crap is there not anything else going on around campus these days. What's next, a memorial for the late Jim Croce, who performed his last concert in Prather Coliseum before his pilot landed his plane in the top of some pine trees. If you really want something to do we could discuss the whole censorship thing again, just kidding.

So here are some tips just in case another world-renowned celebrity comes to town.

1. Do not have a scrapbook of photos of the celebrity laid out on your table just in case the celebrity comes to visit.
2. Sound educated. People from the north like to mock our southern accents. The least you could do is sound educated. Women, try not to sound so much like a southern belle.
3. Be considerate. Think about the others in your community. I know Oprah said NSU was great and all, but damn Peggy. We are a place of higher education.
4. Do not invite the celebrity to be the grand marshal of any parades, even if it's a parade for the Boy Scouts of America.
5. Do not playoff the celebrity's visit as if it were planned for her to be here. It was coincidental; let's keep it that way.
6. Erase any messages on your answering machine that may have been put on said machine by the celebrity. Trust me it really makes you sound like a stalker.
7. Please refrain from crying after catching a glance of the celebrity.
8. Do not take the celebrity to the nursing home. As fun is this may sound, sometimes those people smell like urine.
9. Do not hold up traffic for the celebrity. They can fight through 3 p.m. traffic like any other normal citizen.
10. Refrain from anything that may later bring you embarrassment in front of millions of viewers. This includes those girls who have been seen on girls gone wild.

If you follow these 10 simple guidelines you will make people in your community look less like they should be on a short bus.

AN ADDICT'S STORY PART 2-*The second sign*

By Kristopher Luis Fiallos
(El Servidor De Dios)
Guest columnist

■ **Preface**-This is a non-fictional account of someone's life. Names and places have been changed but everything written is completely true. This is the story of a young man and his problems with alcohol and drugs. This is the story of my life. This is part two of a three part series.

When I returned I discovered that I was now known around town as a major pusher by regular people, politicians, the police, and especially tragic, the narcotics office.

Apparently one old customer of mine had been busted and in order to get his time reduced he had narced on me. He told them everything, so it became difficult to do anything.

I would be randomly stopped for some excuse or another to have my car and my body searched for drugs. They never caught me with anything; the only thing that would catch me was time. For sooner or later, I would either die from an overdose or get caught and go to jail. At the time these consequences meant very little to me and I continued to use.

As I continued to use, it started to become apparent that some of the drugs I was taking took control of me. I figured I would cut down and just use drugs I could still function on. What I really was doing was replacing one evil for another, substituting. I began taking pain pills (bloops) and drinking heavily. In my mind, I wasn't a drug head because I believed I was in control.

In truth, I had no control I was in fact being controlled by the drugs and the drug lifestyle. If I wasn't looking I was using, if I wasn't using I was feigning-or going through some kind of withdrawal.

With so much of my life dedicated to drugs, I stopped being a good man to the only person who had been good to me and had loved me unconditionally since I was 15. This was my girlfriend Tina, the only person I ever truly loved including myself. With all the drugs and alcohol I consumed I would never let her take anything because I actually cared about what could happen to her.

I was a terrible boyfriend but she stayed with me for a long time. I would be messed up and just start an argument with her over nothing.

It was even worse when I was dry and I couldn't find anything. I would borrow money from her to get pills for myself; this was money she was working for, her hard-earned money but at the time I didn't care. Although I started arguments, borrowed money and even wrecked her car I never hurt her physically with drugs or physical abuse. It was because I really did love her but I cared about the drugs more.

She eventually left me, which was the smartest thing she could do because when I look back I would have left me. I tried for months to get her back but I couldn't even stop using so how could I promise things would be different if the problem still remained.

I fell into a deep depression and attempted suicide on non-addictive barbituants. I was brought to the hospital where I had to have my stomach pumped. The doctor suggested to my parents that they check me into a mental health slash, drug and alcohol abuse recovery center, called Crossroads. They did, but I did not want to be in there, with people who heard voices and had real problems compared to mine, or so I thought.

I came up with a plan to get out after the three mandatory days. What I did was I told the doctor I was not really trying to kill myself by taking the medication, as a matter of fact, I didn't use any drugs. I just had a terrible headache, and I took too many in a desperate attempt to get rid of the headache. The truth was that I had been taking 180 to 200 milligrams of oxycoton daily, along with a good amount of alcohol. I tried not to show the withdrawals I was going through and did a good job. So good that on the third day, the doctor said I could go home.

I was ecstatic; it had worked and I was going to get to go home back to my so-called normal life.

As I walked from the Doctors office in one hall to my room in the other hall, I began to get really hot then I got really cold, I don't know what happened next because I just blacked out.

When I woke up, I had no use of any of my body parts, I could not even talk all I could do was moan. I still have never been as scared as I was at that moment, I began crying because I thought I was going to be like that forever, but slowly, I began to regain the use of my limbs, body, and my tongue.

I got up and walked to the nurse who was sitting at the door of my room and asked him what had happened. He said I had had an epileptic seizure. What puzzled and scared me was that I was not epileptic.

I was then taken to the hospital where I stayed for a week while the doctors ran test after test on me to see what had caused this grandma seizure.

Through their testing, they found that that I had already had two small strokes that happened around the time I was doing a good amount of cocaine. After a week, they still did not know what had caused the seizure so I told them about the amount of pain medication and how often I had been taking it.

The doctor's face turned to stone, and he told me I had suffered a type of withdrawal from which most people never recover physically or mentally. This was my second sign from God to stop.

Grand Theft Auto: Vice City hits shelves; 5 million copies sold

By Adam Parker
Guest Columnist

Grand Theft Auto 3 was the quintessential game to highlight excess last year. It allowed a freedom in games that had been realized in video games few times before. It tested the waters for how far a video game could go, breaking many doors down. Grand Theft Auto 3 sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 7 million copies, and is still quite popular a year after its release. But it was only the tip of the iceberg.

On Oct. 29, Grand Theft Auto: Vice City was released to the glee of many videogamers and the disgust of numerous advocates of morality. It depicts graphic violence, sexual acts, drug use, and all kinds of tasteless humor. There were 5 million copies of the game reserved before it was even released, and there has been a large demand for the game around Natchitoches. Various things can be done in the game, such as selling drugs out of an ice cream truck, stealing all sorts of vehicles, employing a prostitute, owning a strip club and many others. The subject matter serves as the meat and potatoes for all things wrong to media decency advocates.

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Vice City criticizes and offends pretty much every group imaginable. There are radio stations with humorous advertisements, hopelessly outdated and comical '80s music, and the most interesting to me, the talk radio. It pokes fun at preachers, politicians, and pimps. It ridicules feminists, fascists, and philanderers. It portrays individuals of the period and of the modern one as well, as caricatures, spewing forth their opinions, one way or the other, in a humorous light. It even criticizes the industry of video games, having a commercial of kids that play them proclaiming "I'll never go to school again!"

One of the unsung heroes of the game appears to be the unlikeliest, Socrates. On one of the talk radio stations in the game, the talk show host criticizes the state of the city, wondering if Vice City would feed a wise man hemlock, alluding to Socrates.

Perhaps in this created city of excess, we can take a look at ourselves, and maybe indulge in some Socratic wisdom, realizing that as much as we think we know everything, we really know nothing, myself included. Maybe we can look at how popular such a gruesome and sexually explicit game has become, and wonder if this is the way that some would want to solve the problems in life, by simply indulging in vice.

Vice City stands as a sarcastic opus to the misconstrued vision of what is virtue, and gives you the chance to indulge in all the vice you can stand. It doesn't serve as moral, and nobody can reasonably argue that plunging a chainsaw into an old lady's chest is, but it serves as an example of what we should work to avoid.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Educate yourself of Single Lender Rule

Do you rely on student loans to pay upwards of $3000 for your education this semester alone? If you are one of 4,600 students here at NSU Natchitoches, you are not alone. A large majority of our students rely on student loans. When you go to pay off your debt in a few years, do you know what restrictions you face?

The Single lender rule applies to all students consolidating student loan debt. Simply, if one of your lenders offers consolidation of all loans, you must payback hat lender, regardless of their interest rate. This means guaranteed profit for your bank and little choices for you.

In June of 2002, Mary Landrieu and Ralph Regula, a republican representative from Ohio, both introduced legislation eliminating the single lender rule. You may be wondering what does this mean to me? Political affiliations aside, these two legislators are working to make college more accessible and more financially feasible for you, the students of NSU and students like yourself all across the country.

I urge you to educate yourself. Congress.org provides opportunities for you to not only learn about issues such as the single lender rule, but also the opportunity for you to contact your representatives and senators and let them know how you feel.

Often time political affiliations blur our perspective on issues that matter to us, as students and as citizens who must pay off debts. I implore you as a fellow student to learn and to voice how you feel about these issues. If we don't then we are subject to whatever is out there on the books right now. Change can only happen if you get involved. Educate yourself and please vote in December. Vote for your future and the future of all your fellow students here at NSU.

Amanda Breaux

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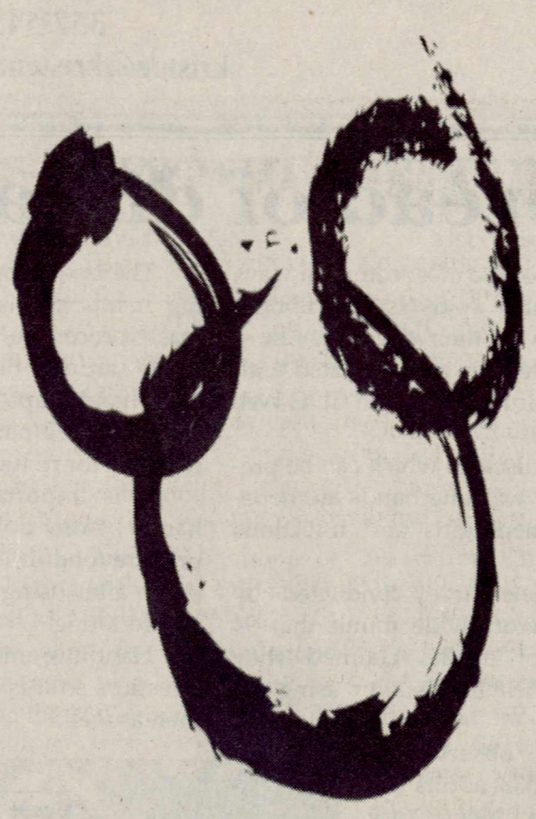

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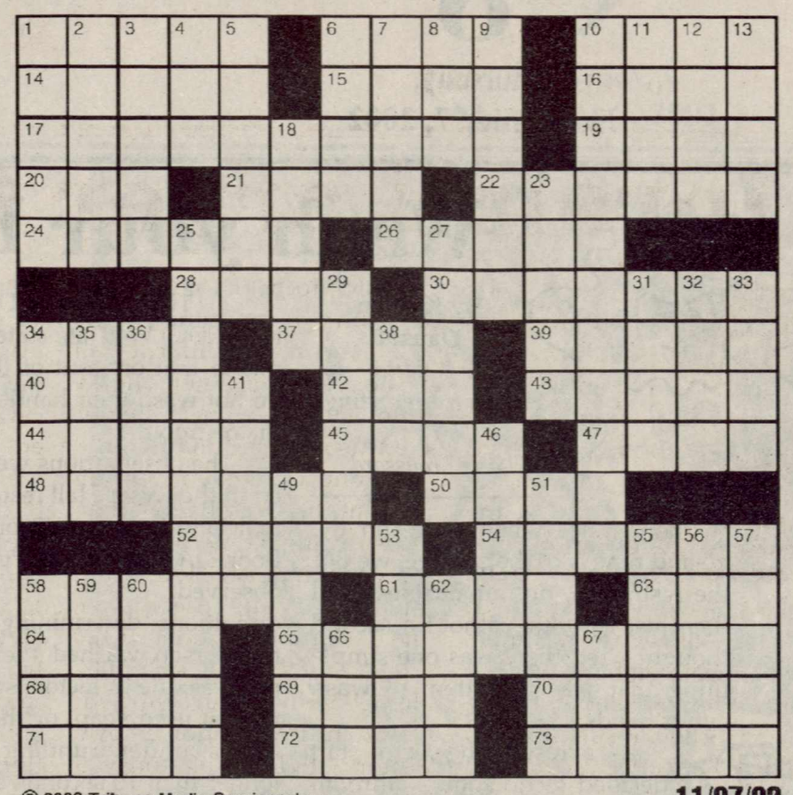

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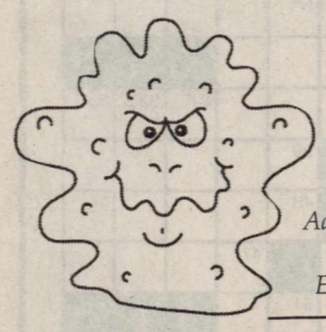
Wash your hands: Stop the spread of disease



By Kristen Dauzat
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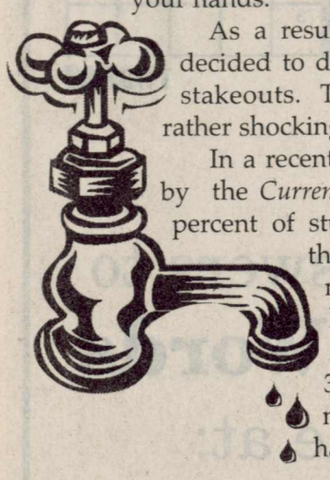
Elaine Broussard

Sometimes when we're on the go and time is of the essence, we use the restroom , do our business and then just run out without a second thought. Yet, there was one simple thing that was forgotten: to wash your hands.



As a result, the *Sauce* staff decided to do some bathroom stakeouts. The results were rather shocking.

In a recent study conducted by the *Current Sauce* staff, 75.4 percent of students who used the restrooms did not wash their hands properly. Also, a shocking 31.2 percent did not wash their hands at all.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) Web site states "it is estimated that one out of three people do not wash their hands after using the restroom."

The observations were conducted in the Kyser Hall restrooms, both male and female restrooms on every floor. A total of 138 people were observed. The definitions determining of wether the person washed their hands or not was due to factors such as if the person used soap, or they left their hands under running water for longer than 10 seconds and actually used soap.

For example, washing properly would consist of cleansing thoroughly, using soap for more than 20 seconds. Barely washing was when a person ran their hands underneath the water, without soap, for less than 20 seconds. Not washing at all, was determined when a person blatantly walked out of the restroom with out washing their hands.

Beginning on Oct. 19, *Sauce* reporters observed restroom stalls, at random times during the day. For example, during one run, three people washed, four did not wash and six barely washed.

There was no soap in the second floor bathroom, which inhibited bathroom users to properly wash their hands.

"I'm all about being healthy, but it's difficult to do so when there is a lack of paper towels and soap; it's like a hit or miss," freshman Amanda Breaux said. "Sometimes there is soap and towels, and other times you're left dripping."

At 2 p.m. on Oct. 19, in the first floor bathroom, two people washed their hands, three didn't wash, and four barely washed. Likewise, in the second floor restroom, three washed, five didn't wash, and seven barely washed.

The most effective way to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands. The CDC Web site Germs can enter your body when you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

"One of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their nose or their eyes after their hands have been contaminated with the cold virus," states the CDC Web site.

Such diseases which can be prevented by washing hands are hepatitis A, meningitis and infectious diarrhea.

A phone survey conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide found that 94 percent of adults claimed they washed their hands after using the restroom.

"An observational survey viewed 6333 adults in public restrooms in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, New Orleans and San Francisco (3236 males and 3097 females) and found that only 68%, in fact, did so," Wirthlin Worldwide.

"It was also concluded that women washed their hands more often than men," Wirthlin Worldwide said. 74 percent of women wash their hands versus 61 percent of men .

The proper procedure for washing hands consists of a 20-second wash procedure, which will effectively reduce bacteria on hands. Plain hand soaps, antimicrobal hand soaps and E2 hand soaps are most effective for reducing germs.

It is important to wash your hands before, during and after you prepare food. It is also important to do so after using the restroom, and before eating.

Handling animals can also cause infection, so it is important to wash then as well.

HOW TO CORRECTLY WASH YOUR HANDS:

- First, wet your hands and apply liquid or clean bar soap.
- Next, rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces.
- Continue for 10-15 seconds. It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs.
- Rinse well and dry your hands.

Information courtesy:
www.cdc.gov/ncidod/op/handwashing.htm

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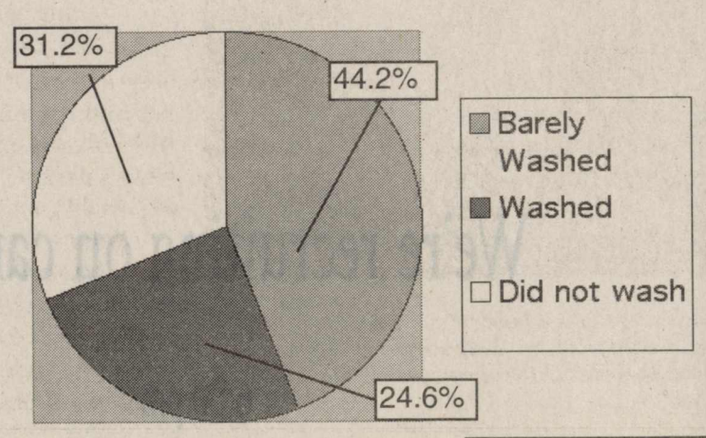
Observations based on Oct. 19, 21 and 22



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138 people observed

Good, better, best?
'The Good Doctor' tops the chart

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

"The way I see things is both sad and funny. I can't imagine a comical situation that isn't at the same time also painful."

-Neil Simon, playwright
about "The Good Doctor"

REVIEW

Picture this. It was Nov. 4; opening night of the NSU theater production of "The Good Doctor."

It was extremely packed and lots of people were unable to get in the show because of the lack of seating.

The production was presented in the Loft Theater located on the second floor of A.A. Frederick's Auditorium. This particular auditorium allows the audience to interact well with the actors, since the entire theatre is about the size of a living room.

The play is a drama based on the writings of Russian Anton Chekhov. Chekhov began writing articles to pay for medical school. Chekhov's first career was that of a writer of comical material, and he began contributing to minor magazines under a pen name of Antosha Chekhonte in 1880.

Neil Simon, a contemporary writer who wrote "The Odd Couple" and "Biloxi Blue," wrote the play. Chekhov inspired Simon at the time of Simon's wife's death from cancer.

As "a good doctor," Chekhov tried desperately to prevent recurrence of famine among the peasants in the backcountry of Nizhny Novgorod and Voronyesh provinces. Chekhov died in 1904 after contracting tuberculosis from one of his patients.

The play is set to the thoughts of Chekhov, played by Greg Washington, as a series of his characters come to life.

"I enjoyed playing the character. It was a lot of fun," Washington said.

The simple stage and costumes were mostly black with a hint of color. This was done to bring more attention to the message of every character.

"The Good Doctor" is about finding the humor in pain and a piece of your own personality.

"The cast is wonderful. It is very important for each cast member to know the script and find themselves in each character," said Vicki Parrish, University professor and director of play.

The cast members fit each one of their roles. Each scene was filled with humor and lots of knowledge to ponder. Compared to an average evening in Natchitoches, this play is truly an evening well spent.

After reviewing the five star scales of plays, "The Good Doctor" gets four and a half stars. (I give it four stars for the awesome story line, great cast and crew, but took off half a star for the bad seating.) Just a little advice...big message, big place!

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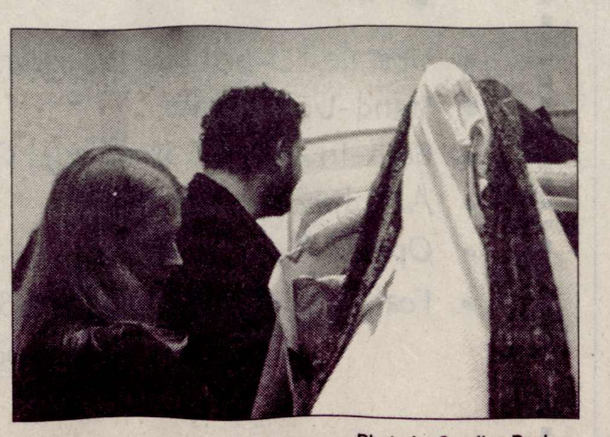

Photo by Candice Pauley

The cast of *The Good Doctor* prepares for opening night in the costume room.

Students perform at Fall Wind Ensemble concert

By Karen Patriquin
Sauce Reporter

The Fall Wind Ensemble concert was held Monday at the Magale Recital Hall. William E. Brent, the head of the creative and performing arts department, conducted the ensemble along with the help of Ronald Mayfield, a graduate assistant conductor.

"This is a wonderful music education program."

-Melanie Davis
junior trombone player

Mayfield accompanied the 56 talented students on the trombone. Shirley Jennings, an NSU faculty member, accompanied on harp and Jack Bradley, professor of woodwinds, on clarinet.

The students played six pieces of contemporary classic music.

The concert started with the more serious piece "Symphonic Dance No. 3" and gradually got a lighter feel.

The concert ended on an upbeat note with "Hounds of Spring".

The students worked hard in this ensemble, practicing three times a week since the beginning of the school year. "This is a wonderful music education program," said Melanie Davis, a junior trombone player.

They can take a break now because the next performance is not until next semester.

Mark Talbot, trumpet player, commented on the performance as well.

"It's a lot better than marching. It's more laid back," Turner said.

"Mr. Brent is great," Justin Turner, also a trumpet player, said..

"Hopefully when they come to our concerts they will leave with a little lighter step, maybe a little less burden. A few moments away from the reality, the war in Iraq, and things like that. It's just an uplifting experience," Brent said.

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The Fall Wind Ensemble concert was put on by 56 students. They played six pieces of contemporary classic music, starting with *Symphonic Dance No. 3.*

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SPORTS

Demons play waiting game with SWT

Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

The Demon soccer team, which looked primed to take the Southland Conference title a few weeks ago, now finds its championship hopes dependent on the finishing records of two other schools.

Southeastern, which lost to Southwest Texas 2-1, can still win the conference provided that they beat Nicholls on Tuesday. SWT has hopes of either winning or sharing in the SLC title with a win Monday against McNeese State.

If neither team wins, the injury-plagued Demons will have cause to celebrate with an undisputed claim to the SLC crown.

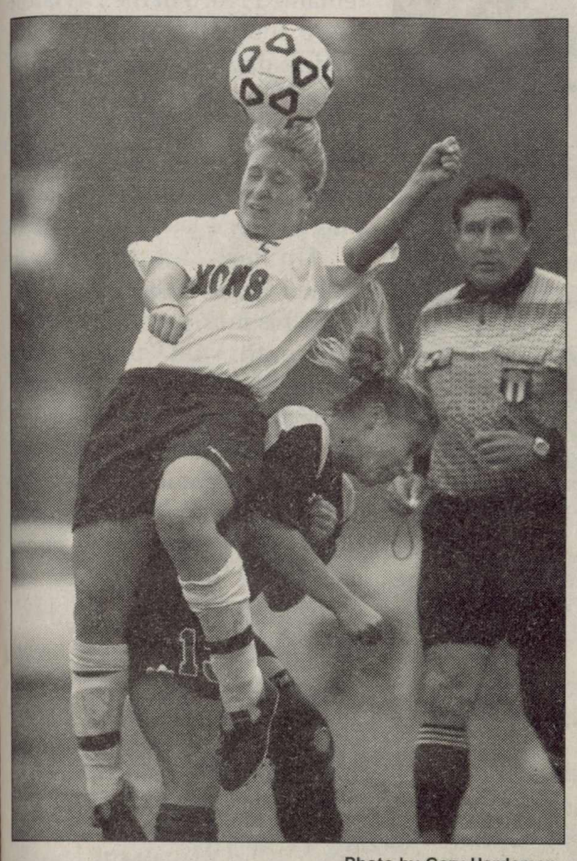


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Heather Penico gets a head on the ball with a little help from the opposition. Lady Demons have enjoyed a winning season, but their championship remains up in the air.

Celebration is a much sought-after commodity for the Demons who have not fully recovered from the loss of key players Brittany Hung, Rachel Folk and Hillarie Marshall.

NSU's latest disappointment, a 1-1 tie against the Ladyjacks of SFA, a team the Demons trounced 4-0 in September, came on a rainy Sunday afternoon at Turpin Stadium.

SFA scored just 24 seconds into the first half, when Ladyjack Sara Hernandez scored on an assist from Christy Mestayer moments after the opening kickoff, to put SFA up by one.

From there the Demons went on the defensive as sophomore goalkeeper Nellie Latolais played a perfect game for the remainder of the afternoon, scooping up nine saves and keeping the Demons within one.

While NSU's defense stood solid; a Demon offense failed to materialize until late in the second half when sophomore forward Danielle Thomas scored off a throw in to even the game at one.

The Demons had opportunities to score in the closing minutes of the game as well as the following overtime period but could not come up with a winning goal.

Although the tie with SFA may or may not have signaled the departure of the Demons' SLC title hopes, it did mark the last time that three Demons will ever see playing time at Turpin Stadium.

Seniors Tenille Fogel, Jill Lowe and Jennifer Britain, will all be departing the Demon soccer team after this season.

"Tenille has been a valuable asset to our program both on and off the field...Jill has always been a rock for us...She [Britain] has been a great addition to our program," Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said of his exiting seniors, all of which were a part of the first senior Demon soccer class to win 40 games in 40 years.

Before Fogel, Lowe and Britain can leave NSU however, they will stay by their teammates' side awaiting the outcomes of the Southeastern and SWT games in hopes that their collective struggle will deliver them into the basking glow of SLC supremacy.

Demons finish 6th in home-town SLC Cross Country Championships

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

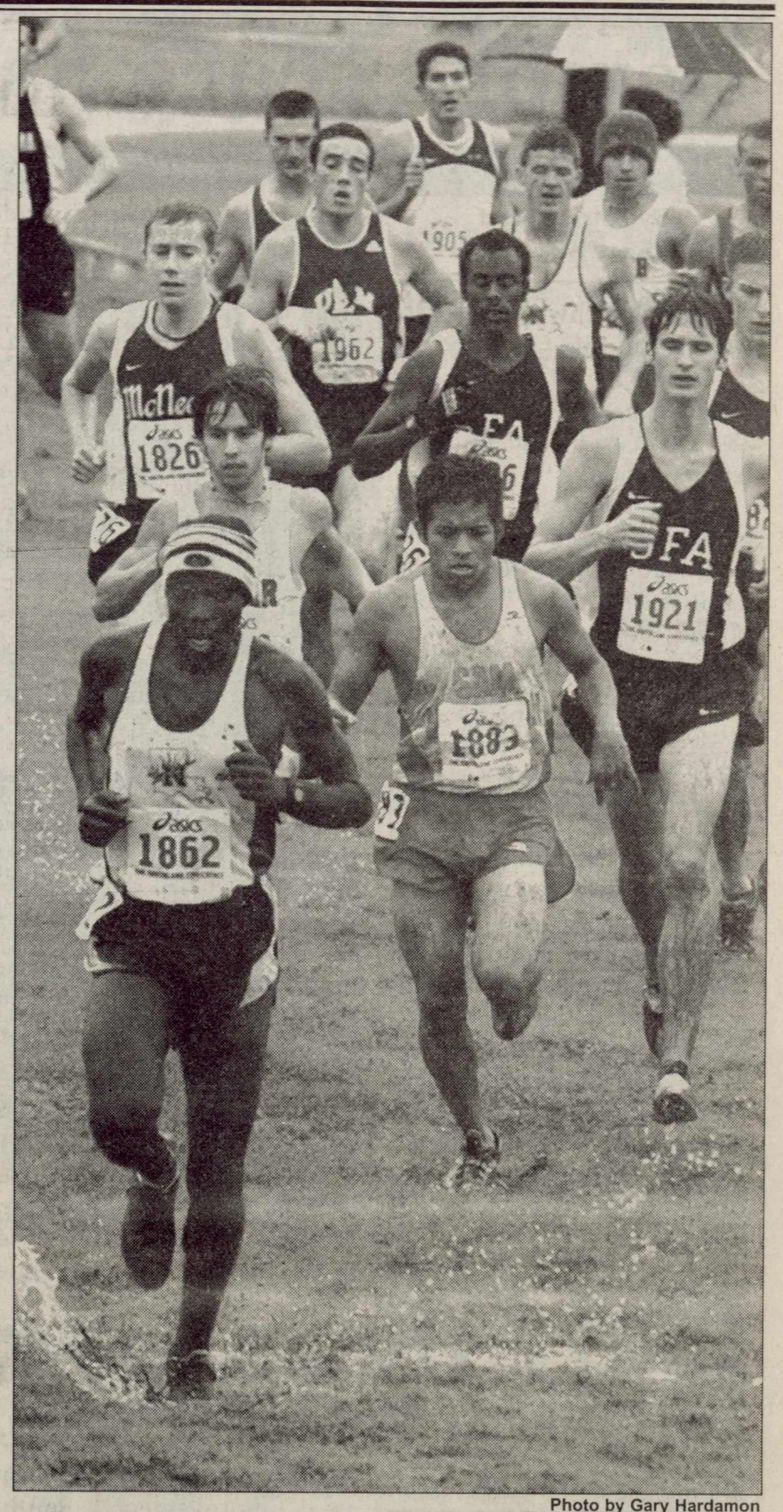
Good thing there weren't any whales around Monday afternoon, otherwise Demon cross-country runner Jonah Chelimo might not have had the day he did.

Chelimo finished in eighth place at the 2002 Southland Conference Cross-Country championships hosted by NSU at Demon Hills golf course.

Other individual standouts for the Demons were Chris Groome ranked 38th with a time of 28:26.10; Roy Ramirez finished 34th with a 30:04.20; and Blake Hines came in 56th place with a 30:10.90. Terry Gatson, and Michael Hicks also placed 63rd and 67th, respectively

Top honors in the individual and team men and women's race went to the Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin with Nathan Flores winning with a time of 25:41.70 and Ana Rodriguez with a 19:18.70.Rodriguez finished her race almost a full six seconds ahead of her nearest competitor Kajsa Haglund of Texas-Arlington.

The Demons, as a team finished sixth place in the meet.



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Jonah Chelimo splashes through Demon Hills golf course Monday in the SLC championships. Chelimo took eighth place in the event and NSU finished sixth overall.

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Demons scare Sam Houston, Travel to Jacksonville

Germond Williams and Terrence McGee receive defensive players honors for roles in Nicholls and Sam Houston games

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons and its fans spooked the Sam Houston Bearkats Halloween night in a powerful 38-10 win in Southland Conference action.

In a nationally-televised game that saw fans dressed as ladies to pimps to demon fanatics saw the Demons pound the Bearkats into submission out gaining them 416-174 yards and posted 26 first downs while holding them to only nine.

The win preserved the Demons five game winning streak and the ninth consecutive home field victory.

Helping the win was the duo of Shelton Sampson and Derrick Johnese each ran for over 100 yards on the night. Johnese ran for 101 yards on 21 carries with two touchdowns notching him his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game. Sampson ran for 118 yards on 18 carries with one touchdown.

"Shelton and Derrick played extremely well and they keep playing better and better each week," Demon Head Coach Scott Stoker said. "Our game plan is to give them the ball, that is no surprise."

Sam Houston State was more than spooked as the Demon defense swarmed and scared the receiving corps for the Bearkats.

The attacking Demon defense sacked the Bearkat quarterback six times for negative 60 yards. This raised the Demon sack total to 38 tops in the Southland Conference.

The Demon Defense held Sam Houston to only 53 yards rushing and the secondary held the quarterback to a meek 8 of 24 passing for just 121 yards and one interception.

The Bearkats only touchdown of the game came with only 10 seconds left in the ballgame against the Demon reserves.

Terrence McGee led the Demon defense holding top receiver in the conference Jason Mathenia to only one catch before reserves took over and Mathenia scored on a 35-yard pass.

He had five tackles, intercepted a pass and broke up another pass attempt. The big game for McGee led him to the Louisiana and SLC defensive player of the week honors.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Derrick Johnese put up some impressive numbers in his fourth straight 100 yard game with 101 yards on 21 carries and 2 touchdowns.

"Terrence had a good ball game and shutdown the leading receiver of the conference and added a pick and some key stops for us," Stoker said.

This is the second straight week that a Demon defensive player has won this award; senior linebacker Germond Williams was honored last week after a record 17 tackles against the Colonels.

Northwestern State remained No. 3 in the Division I-AA football top 25 polls Wednesday after their dominating win against the Bearkats. NSU also returned to the No. 3 spot in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll after slipping to No. 4 last week.

Up next for the No. 3 ranked Demons (8-1 overall, 3-0 SLC) is Jacksonville State (4-5 overall, 1-4 SLC). The Demons will travel to hostile gamecock territory Saturday for a kickoff time at 4 pm.

"Tough game on the road at Jacksonville and it is going to be their homecoming game and senior night, so they are going to be fired up to play," Stoker said.

Lady Demon basketball

Lady Demons begin season with great expectations

Sauce Reporter

The soothsayers that are the coaches and conference sports information departments have picked the Lady Demons to finish atop conference competition mountain.

With three players having undergone surgery the NSU Lady Demons basketball team is anticipating an exciting season.

Senior guard Angela Davidson is currently recovering from stress fractures. Sophomore forward Beth Tallant underwent shoulder surgery and junior forward Katrina Swanigan recently had knee surgery.

Regardless of the surgery setbacks Lady Demon head coach James Smith said that all of the players are playing strong and Davidson, Tallant and Swanigan have recovered extremely well.

Smith also said that he looks forward to this season, and that the team is very enthusiastic.

"I like this team because the starters are back, and the younger players have shown great improvement," Smith said.

Four players including Angela Davidson, La 'Terrica Dobin, Katrina Swanigan, and Anna Means made the preseason conference team.

Davidson, SLC Player of the Year, and Dobin, last season's national leader in assists, were placed on the first team. Means and Swanigan were selected for the second team.

Smith said that he is proud of the girls and their efforts.

"We know we have four people with experience and respect from other teams in the conference," Smith said.

Lady Demon assistant coach Jennifer Graf said the team's love for basketball is going to see them through the season.

It's fun to watch them," Graf said. "The older girls motivate and coach the younger ones and as far as playing, they shouldn't miss a beat."

The Lady Demons have a busy season ahead. They will compete against teams including University of California Los Angles, University of Nevada Las Vegas and University of Arkansas.

Having won 20 or more games in each of the past four seasons, the Lady Demons are among the 25 winningest programs in the country for that time span. Smith and the Lady Demons have won two regular season titles in the past decade, one of only two Southland schools to do so.

Smith said that every team the Lady Demons takes on will be prepared, so the girls must be just as prepared.

"The team realizes and understands the opportunity that's there, and we should be successful by holding on to that enthusiasm," Smith said.

The Lady Demon basketball season will begin on Nov. 14 in an exhibition game against Ouachita Baptist. The Lady Demons will begin the season at home in Prather Coliseum on Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The team starts their regular season at Texas A&M on Nov. 25.

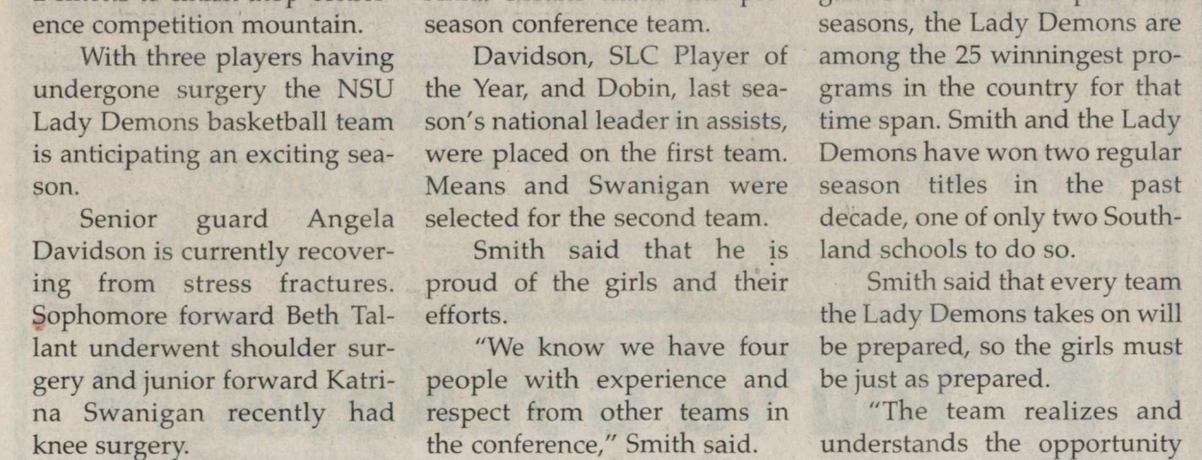

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lady Demon Basketball 2002-03 Schedule

Nov. 14	Ouahcita Baptist (Exb.)	Jan. 23	Lamar
Nov. 18	Arkansas-Monticello(Exb.)	Jan. 25	Sam Houston State
Nov. 25	Texas A&M	Jan. 30	Univ. Tx.-Arlington
Nov. 30	UCLA (UNLV Tourney)	Feb. 1	Stephen F. Austin
Nov. 30	UNLV (UNLV Tourney)	Feb. 6	Univ. Tx.-San Antonio
Dec. 1	Consolation/Championship	Feb. 8	SW. Texas
Dec. 4	Henderson State Univ.	Feb. 13	McNeese State
Dec. 6-7	Rice Tourney	Feb. 15	ULM
Dec. 16	Prairie View A&M	Feb. 20	Nicholls State
Dec. 30	SLU	Feb. 22	ULM
Jan. 2	Univ. Tx.-San Antonio	Feb. 27	Lamar
Jan. 4	SW. Texas	March 1	Sam Houston State
Jan. 9	McNeese State	March 5	Univ. Tx.-Arlington
Jan. 16	SLU	March 7	Stephen F. Austin
Jan. 18	Nicholls State	March 10-15	SLC Tourney

Stone: Demons all-time top killer

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Lady Demon volleyball took on two tough teams as they honored their new career 'kill' leader last week.

Friday night Christina Stone made her 1,294th kill making her NSU's new career kill leader. Stone passed the previous leader, Tiffany Cronin, by three kills and was honored before the night's game against Nicholls.

Her 363 kills have helped the Lady Demons to gain their 11 wins this season, but assistant volleyball coach Joby Holcomb said that the absence of her and teammate Flavia Belo may have made the difference in last week's games.

"Their injuries really kept us out of the matches," Holcomb said. "We get 12 to 14 kills from Flavia a match."

Stone and Belo are both currently out of commission due to recent ankle injuries and were not able to assist their team against Nicholls or Southeastern. NSU fell to both teams last week three games to one bringing their season record to 11-20.

"Their enthusiasm and competitiveness separates them from last year's team..."

-Assistant Volleyball Coach Joby Holcomb
about the changes in the Demon

Though this record may seem not impressive to some, Holcomb said the team is doing well against good teams.

With matches against teams like Eastern Michigan, Iowa and their shutout win against Western Illinois; Holcomb said that he has seen great improvement.

"Individually, the kids have grown so much," Holcomb said.

He also said that with the changes seen in the team from last season, he is anxious to see what will come in the next season.

"Their enthusiasm and competitiveness separates them from last year's team," Holcomb said. "These kids want to win."

Although the team is looking forward, their next few games may be hard.

The Demons play at home this week against McNeese State at 7 p.m. on Friday and Lamar at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

"The next few matches will be tough," Holcomb said. "But they should be good."

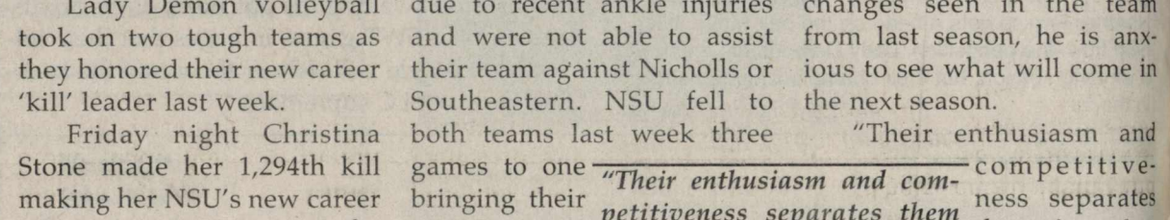

Photo by Callie Reames
Two of the crew's Novice men's boats battle out for first at the State Regatta in New Orleans Sunday.

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Crew participated in the Louisiana States Regatta this weekend in New Orleans, LA. The race consisted of rowers from Tulane, LSU, and NSU, as well as students from the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts here on campus.

All of NSU's novice men boats finished ahead of in-state rival Tulane's novice men boats.

"I'm really proud of my guys. They worked together really well. I've never coxed a boat that worked together that well," Amanda Breaux, freshman coxswain, said.

"I was really pleased with the performance of my boat. It was a long day in bad weather conditions, but they pushed through," Megan Mercantel, sophomore coxswain, said.

A novice women four boat also surpassed Tulane, while another seemed to be close to victory before hitting a bridge.

All of the varsity boats could not overcome Tulane's strong effort, finishing behind them by a slim margin.

"It's a good sign that we're moving in the right direction," Head Coach Alan Pasch said.

NSU Crew vs. Tulane

NSU makes showing at States, prepares for Cane River Marathon

"It was disappointing to finish behind Tulane again after finishing behind them last year," Jason Stelly, a Varsity lightweight rower, said.

"We're by far better than any other crew team that Northwestern has had. Watch out for next year," Stelly said.

The tournament was an official race, but not on the same scale of races like the Marathon Rowing Championships here in Natchitoches this weekend.

The Marathon is an endurance race that begins close to the Melrose plantation, and ends right before the Keyser St. bridge. The Marathon is a 26 mile race, and will have 2 of NSU's boats competing in it, a men's eight man boat and a women's four.

"Mentally it's hard to row for 26 miles. Everybody can do it physically, it's all about making yourself keep going," Pasch said.

"It's an honor to complete the Marathon," Stelly said.

Traditionally, the race has drawn rowers from across the globe to Natchitoches' waters. The NSU Crew is working hard this week to not only work on their endurance for such a grueling race, but to get ready for putting on the race.

"Everybody is working really hard to put this race together," Breaux said.

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No new Greek row decision until March

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

If the sale of University property goes as hoped, NSU could start work soon on a new Greek row.

The City of Natchitoches meets in March to discuss the sale of NSU property.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour, the University owns property across Highway 6 near Brookshire's grocery store that the city is interested in purchasing.

The selling of this land is one step in a process to develop land on Northwestern's existing campus.

"We need to follow steps," Luke Dowden, assistant director of student activities, greek life and student organizations, said. "If legislation needs to be passed, that is what we are going to focus on now."

> *"It is a matter of getting support from the state and moving to the next phase."*
>
> **-Luke Dowden**
> Assistant director of greek life

Seymour said the University Board of Administrators convened to discuss the sale of the land on Highway 6. The administration agreed to this action.

Currently, the Board of Administrators is waiting for legislation to pass with the city council for the permission to sell the land.

"It is a matter of getting support from the state and moving to the next phase," Dowden said regarding each state of the process.

Seymour said that if the land were sold, the money earned from the sale would be used for the infrastructure for the proposed Greek row.

More than a decade ago, the University conjured the idea of a new Greek row. The land is on Jefferson Street along the strip where the Kappa Sigma's fraternity house currently located.

Seymour said the land would be separated into lots and the names of interested organizations would be randomly picked in a lottery to distribute the land.

Each organization would be granted a hundred-year lease and remain responsible for the building of the house as well as the upkeep. Seymour clarified that these plans are all projected and are subject to change with each step of the process.

Even though the land is referred to as a new Greek row, all organizations have an opportunity to relocate their organization to this area.

"I think it is a good time to collaborate with other groups and I think it is a plus to have other groups interested," Dowden said.

Greek organizations that have expressed an interested in this property are Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Mu, Pi Kappa Phi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Collegiate Ministry are also attracted to this new land.

"I think it will affect our organization in an incredible way," Gerald Long, area coordinator for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. "Students would have a place to call their own and it would enhance the ministry."

Seymour said that after the City of Natchitoches meets in March, the Board of Administrators would discuss plans for the land's development.

Photo by Glenn Ward

Kappa Alpha members Scott Martin and Eric Lewis pick up trash outside of Sabine Hall during the Wednesday afternoon Interfraternity Council-sponsored Trash Bash.

SACS: The University prepares to meet a most important goal: to preserve its reputation as a place of higher learning 2007

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

As individual departments must be accredited, so does the same fate fall upon the University.

In the year 2007, NSU will receive a visit from a small team of scholastic agents with one task on their minds: rate the university.

Armed with pens, notepads and manuals on criteria for accreditation, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) will come to the campus.

And NSU's only two options are to pass or fail.

Although this visit is five years away, Northwestern has already begun taking defensive steps in its first formal year of preparation in protecting the institution's educational honor and statewide reputation.

"We are beginning to do a number of the things even though we are five years away," University President Randall Webb said. "We still need to move ahead and ensure that certain things are in place."

"We have a got very comprehensive mission statement in the catalog," Webb said. "We're going to look at the possibility of taking that mission statement and condensing and refining it in a way that it has greater meaning for all of us and because we want to use that as a springboard for doing good things. This is critical to the process."

Four major areas have been defined by the university to ensure that the proper actions are taken prior to the SACS visitation:

- Academic excellence
- Creating and maintaining a student environment
- Enrollment management
- Creating a learning center environment

The first goal, academic excellence, has been increasingly concentrated on by the school through the evidence of its 100 percent accreditation and renovations of Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Science Building.

Another step that will be implemented to enhance this goal includes the renovation of Williamson Hall, the building that houses the industrial

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Leesville head, former alumni director die

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Two prominent figures involved in NSU affairs passed away this week, C. Creighton Owen, executive director of the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk campus, and Elise James, former director of alumni affairs.

Owen, 77, died Saturday at his home in Leesville. He had worked after learning he had lung cancer, nearly up to his death.

Funeral services for Owen were held at the Hixson Funeral Home and the First Baptist Church in Leesville.

The Leesville campus was closed Monday in Owen's remembrance. Classes resumed Monday evening.

James, 64, died Tuesday after a long fight with Parkinson's Disease. Funeral arrangements were at Blanchard St. Denis Funeral Home and Immaculate Conception Church.

James was inducted into the Long Purple Line for her outstanding contributions to NSU. She was also NSU's former director of alumni affairs.

SGA schedules 'Swarm the Dorms'

By Garrett Guillotte
Sauce Reporter

In a brief meeting, the SGA senate set a date for its "Swarm the Dorm" outreach campaign.

Senators unanimously approved a bill that would send senators to assigned dorms after this Monday night's meeting.

The senators would meet with students in the dorms and discuss student concerns.

Also, Student Supreme Court justice Kristin Huben announced that the court had finished its judgement on constitutional issues from several weeks ago.

Huben said the majority decision from the court's September 30 meeting would provide the court's final opinion concerning vague passages in the SGA constitution.

The passages formed the rules for appointing students to vacant and vacated Senate seats. The decision itself, however, would not be made public until all justices had signed it.

The senate also attempted to discuss the removal of senator Taylor Morgan.

Senator Luke Hutchinson, however, said the senate had not provided adequate notice and could not vote on Morgan's removal.

Morgan, who had missed enough many office hours under the senate's rules to be considered for removal, was not present.

Audit investigation not yet started

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

A week after an audit report claiming three NSU faculty members allegedly misused about $60,000, final ramifications such as a possible criminal investigation are still unclear.

"It is our policy not discuss any ongoing investigations," U.S. district attorney Donald Washington said.

Washington also said that he and his staff are reviewing the details of the audit to determine what, if any legal action should be taken at the federal level.

Washington said the U.S. attorney's office would corroborate all findings with the Natchitoches district attorney's office should they discover any evidence meriting a federal investigation.

Natchitoches district attorney Van Kyzar told the *Current Sauce* last week an independent investigation of the audit would take place. However, results preliminary or otherwise, have not yet been divulged to the public.

Kyzar was out of town at press time and could not be reached for comment.

Other aspects of the report, like reasons for the continued employment status of NSU faculty Alvin Brossette, and assistant professors Glenn Moffett and Sherman Vogel, and reasons for their paid administrative leave, have also failed to materialize.

Director of Human Resources Cecil Knotts was also out of town when the *Sauce* inquired about the employment records of Brossette, Moffett and Vogel.

Members of Brossette's continuing education department refrained from giving any specific comments on the audit.

"I don't think I should make a comment at this time, because it is where I work and I would rather not get into it at this point," department of continuing education credit programs employee Yvonne Alost said.

However, College of Education Dean John Tollett said he was shocked and never considered Brossette to be involved in possible criminal activity.

Tollett also spoke about the possible effects an investigation would have on his department.

"It really didn't raise any concerns for me," Tollett said. "Our integrity is what the University is paying us to have."

Tollett said the University's greatest response will be in documentation policy changes.

"I don't think it will taint any of the University's reputation," Tollett said. "I think we all just have to be extremely careful and document what the grants are designed to do and have an extremely well-laid paper trail of everything we do."

Tollett refused to comment on Brossette, Vogel or Moffett.

Legislative Audit Coverage

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
63°/41°	57°/37°	59°/42°
Scattered showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

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How are training grants distributed?

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter

Training grants, like the one issued to NSU for Alliance Compressors at the center of last week's audit report, are common tools for employers to improve their work force.

NSU News Bureau Director David West said that training grants are a way to help the community. He said these grants attract more industry to an area by creating more labor that is skilled.

The grants also help schools by increasing enrollment and giving the school a level of recognition for getting the grant over other training institutions, West said.

"The money is given to the university for the expertise of job training skills from the faculty (of the chosen training institution)," West said.

Leland Scoggins of the state Department of Economic Development said such grants focus on improving the employees.

"The only purpose of the (training) grants is to upgrade a person or make them employable in a field," Scoggins said.

"Business that have extra money not being used and low employment rates will implement using the money to train people to fill employment," Kecia Glynn, of the Workforce Investment Office, said.

A training grant is money allocated by private or governmental organizations to pay for the expenses of training or upgrading employees in a field, Scoggins said.

Institutions that train workers also employ grant writers to secure money for their institutions.

Grant writers search for these grants within agencies and then prepare the institutions of learning to fill the standards of the training needed by the agencies. Upon finding a grant, grant writers plan a proposal for their institution on what it will do with the money. The proposal is sent to the business as a report.

> *"The institution is expected to do what they specified in their report."*
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> **-Leland Scoggins**
> Dept. of Economic Development

"In the grant proposal, the school lines out very specifically what they plan to do if they receive the grant," West said.

When a company like Alliance Compressors lacks adequate skilled labor to meet the demands of production, grant writers propose a training grant.

The business will then set aside a sum of money as a grant to pay to a private or federal institution to train people in a field based on whom the business feels will do the best job with the money provided.

After collecting various proposals, businesses decide who can best train their employees with the grant money.

All that is left involves the school following up on its proposal.

"The institution is expected to do what they specified in their report," Scoggins said.

What is the Ben Johnson Educational Center?

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The Ben D. Johnson Educational Center has received much attention lately concerning its involvement with Alvin Brossette and the alleged misappropriation of grant funds. Upon investigation, however, it appears that the center had very little to do with the events surrounding the grant.

The ambiguity surrounding the center's involvement in the fraud was compounded by the fact that the phone number given for the center on an invoice in the audit actually belongs to the Winnfield Funeral Home.

Ben D. Johnson Educational Center functions mostly as a leasing agency to other organizations that need classrooms. The Head Start program is currently leasing from the center and conducting introductory computer classes for adults.

According to Mrs. Taylor, administrator of the Head Start foundation, the Ben D. Johnson Educational Center has very little to do with the classes being taught within its building. Teachers and administration are hired by the organization that leases the room, not by the center.

Edward Ward, who works at the Winnfield Funeral Home, oversees the center. Ward was unavailable at the time of this publication to give a statement concerning the center.

A teacher employed by Head Start who wished to remain nameless indicated that she believed that Brossette's dealings with the center were carried out in the same fashion.

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Stolen flags still not returned

By Callie Reames
Sauce Reporter

Flags stolen from Natchitoches' downtown a little over a month ago have not been returned. The 15 flags were taken from Front Street the weekend of Oct. 12.

Mayor Wayne McCullen offered an amnesty period until Nov. 1 so that whoever stole the flags could return them. If the perpetrator returned the flags before the date, no questions would be asked, and no one would have been held responsible for the theft.

City Public and Media Relations' Director Courtney Hornsby said a few flags were returned that had been taken from other seasons.

"Anybody caught with a flag after this could face felony charges," Hornsby said. Felony charges could lead to imprisonment for up to 10 years and/or a fine of up to $3,000.

The value of each flag ranged from $40 to $60, but their value goes beyond monetary. Natchitoches' economy is affected by the tourist industry, and tourism can benefit from beautification efforts such as downtown's seasonal flags.

Anyone with information about the case can contact the Natchitoches Police Department at 352-8101.

Photo by Candace Pauley
One of Natchitoches' flags flies over Front Street. Flags of the same design had been stolen.

Minutes 11-11-02

Call to Order- 7:00 p.m.
The prayer was lead by Kelli Miller.
The pledge was lead by Cade Strong.

Roll Call
Present:
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brossett
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Andy Dye
Timberly Deville
Dustin Floyd
Tometrius Greer
Liz Hughes
Luke Hutchinson
Brian Jarreau
Jennifer Jensen
Chris Johnson
Linzie Ledford
Scott Manguno
Cory Markham
Dustin Mathews
Mindy McConell
Kelli Miller
Cade Strong
Taylor Morgan
Casey Ponder
Ken Romas
Adam Stoll
Timmy Watts
Alan Sypert
Ryan Terry
Liz Webb

Absent:
Adam Allen
Chris Henry
Jared Hewitt

Executive Reports
Treasurer- Dustin Mathews
The new budget is out. Organizational grants will meet at 6:15 on Monday, and Fiscal will at 11:00 am on Wednesdays. Let me know if you have any questions.

Vice President -Jennifer Jenson
December 9th will be the Christmas Party at Trailboss. There is one person up for removal tonight, and three people on evaluation.

President - Stacie Cosby
We really need some GOOD legislation. I don't have anything to take to Dr. Webb. We need to start writing legislation that pertains to the students and not just to the SGA. I have ideas, and I will help you with whatever you need, you just have to ask. We need to get busy and get something done. Next semester is going to have to be different.

Departmental Reports
Academic Affairs- Mindy McConell
Our meetings are Wed. at 2:30. Scantron Giveaway is Mondays from 9-12:00. There will be a new procedure for this, to monitor the scantrons. Each student can only have (2) scantrons. We will be having a parliamentary meeting next month.

External Affairs- Cade Strong
The new radio show is Fridays from 1-3. External meets at 4:15 on Tuesday, and Club Sports meets at 5:00. We put up signs for new scantron hours, only the executives will be on the web page. Meet Your Senator day is next Wednesday from 10-2. Senior Day is on Saturday.

Fiscal Affairs- Dustin Mathews
Same as Treasurers report.

Intdernal Affairs- Greg Comeaux
Fiscal matters dealing with the treasure.

Student Affairs- Luke Hutchinson
The Louisiana School parking lot is in the process of being changed to a commuter parking lot. Traffic Appeals meets at 2:00.

SAB Report- Ryan Terry
The preliminaries for Lady of the Bracelet are Dec.3rd. November 18th there will be coffeehouse, featuring "Who wants to be a hundred dollars richer?" at 7:00pm. They passed money for LOB, and Lagniappe. November 14th will be Campus wide Volunteer Day.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
Please get busy on Legislation. I need to get the information and the price for Trailboss, because it takes about a month to process.

Supreme Court Report- Supreme Court Justice
The decision has been made, but we are not allowed to read it until we have all the signatures on it. We will announce them next week.

Old Business
Adam Stoll moves to approve bill FA02-017. Cade Strong seconds. Motion passes by role call vote 28-0-0. Intent to remove Taylor Morgan has been postponed to next week due to improper prcedure.

V. New Business
Bills FA02-019, FA02-020, and FA02-021 are all tabled until next week.

VI. Announcements
Office hours were great! Work on legislation, I will be posting who still needs to write some.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

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CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Pep Rally

Demons Come Out at Night Pep Rally will be held on tomorrow night at 10 p.m. at Turpin Stadium. Come out and support the Demon football team before Saturday s match-up against McNeese State. The pep rally is open to everyone.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Latter-day Saints

The Institute of Religion of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holds weekly scripture study classes in Room 316 of the Student Union every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Josh at 318-590-1812.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings are held in Russell Hall in Room 213 every Monday at 12 p.m. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Student Publications

The photo editor of *The Times* of Shreveport will be on campus next week to show slides and discuss his work as a photojournalist. Mike Silva is scheduled to make his presentation at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in 142 Kyser Hall. All students and faculty are welcome to attend. The event is being sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists.

Student Activities Board

Coffeehouse. November 18. Who Wants to be $100 Richer? 7 p.m., Student Union Alley.

Lady of the Bracelet. November 19. Physical Fitness Informational. 6 p.m. Student Union President s Room.

Service Learning Committee. November 18-22. Canned Food Drive. Room 214 of Student Union.

Service Learning Committee. November 14. Campus Wide Volunteer Day 5-7 p.m. Call 357-5438 for more information.

To find out when SAB committees meet, call 357-5438 or come by Room 214 of the Student Union.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The members of Tau Kappa Epsilon will be holding a clothing drive until Nov. 22. If you wish to donate any items of clothing (t-shirts, jeans, sweats, etc) please bring them by the TKΣ House on Greek Hill and we will gladly take them in for donation. All proceeds will be given to charity so that the items can be distributed during Christmas. If you have any questions please direct them to Jeremy Ables at 352-9470.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week s issue of the Current Sauce, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

NSU POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled by Linda D. Held

On Nov. 7 at 4:11 a.m. a member of residence hall security in Sabine reported a resident on the fourth floor with severe chest pains. Three units and a NPH ambulance arrived on the scene, but the student was not transported.

At 12:04 p.m. a call was made about a fight in progress at Kyser Hall. Two units and the nurse arrived on the scene. A student was escorted from the scene and checked out by the nurse.

A student called in at 6:35 p.m. to report that her purse had been stolen while she was walking from Kyser. An officer responded to Sabine to take a statement. The suspect was described as a black male approximately 5'8" around 170lbs and wearing a blue sweatshirt with a hood over his head.

Campus police received a call at 6:50 p.m. about a fight at Iberville. NSU officers arrived on the scene and then called on city police for assistance. Lt. Hargrove from NPD and Natchitoches Police Sheriff's Officer Rujo assisted and the scene was under control ten minutes later.

On Nov. 8 at 12:52 a.m. a front desk worker at Rapides called to report that he heard some people were smoking weed behind Rapides. An officer responded and the call was logged.

At 11:48 a.m. a subject called to report that a student had passed out in room 423 of Kyser. An officer and the nurse responded to the call. An ambulance was dispatched at 12:02 and by 12:30 p.m. the situation was under control.

Student workers in Watson Library computer lab called at 3:36 p.m. to report a medical emergency. A student was appearing to have a seizure. NPH was contacted. The call was logged.

Campus police received a call from the AC in Boozman in reference to a drug law violation. An officer responded to the call and it was logged.

Micheal Romine called at 5:01 p.m. to report a window in her white Tahoe being broken in Sabine parking lot. The call was logged.

On Nov. 9 at 12:20 a.m. an accident with injury on the west side of Turpin Stadium was reported to campus police. The caller also mentioned an NPH ambulance had already been called. An officer arrived at the scene five minutes before the ambulance. When the ambulance arrived the victim was taken to the hospital.

On Nov. 11 at 9:58 p.m. a campus police officer talked with some white males throwing water balloons that hit some faculty members at Rapides north.

Student pushes for better-defined parking

By Melissa Gilliam
Sauce Reporter

An NSU student's idea to recognize two parking lots as legal parking places for commuters may go into effect.

Luke Hutchinson, commissioner of the department of student affairs of the SGA was to speak to the NSU Traffic and Safety Board on Tuesday afternoon in an effort to make an unofficial commuter parking area on campus official.

This would not actually create any new parking on campus, but would make legal what students have already been doing.

Hutchinson planned to suggest that the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts parking lot outside of Caddo Hall be officially split into half Louisiana School parking and half NSU commuter parking.

"Commuters have been parking there as long as I can remember, I'm just doing this to help commuters to not get tickets," said Hutchinson.

Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux said Hutchinson's idea was passed by the board.

The parking problem at NSU is one that students and faculty are familiar with. Students at Northwestern have become accustomed to parking on grass and in zones not permitted by their parking tags.

According to Chief Ricky Williams of the University Police Department, the dirt lot across the road from the School of Creative and Performing Arts has been a commuter lot for about two years as well.

That lot is an official commuter lot, though it has never been announced publicly.

There are no signs posting that these two areas are clear for commuter parking, and the official NSU traffic map still has Caddo's lot designated as Louisiana School and the Arts dirt lot designated as grass rather than parking.

Neither Hutchinson nor Williams know when the two lots will be posted as commuter, or when the University will create new campus maps on which the lots will be designated properly.

The CAPA lot was supposed to have been paved already.

"Loren Lindsey, who's in charge of the Physical Plant, he's on the parking committee as well, has never gotten around to hard-surfacing it in two years," Williams said.

Williams said finances for paving that lot are probably a significant obstacle for Lindsey. The only university funds for parking, lighting, and sidewalks come from the $25 parking tag purchased by students and faculty.

The only long-range parking solution that Hutchinson or Williams knew of was an idea to tear down West Caspari, which has been closed for about 15 years, and build a parking lot there in the center of campus.

Engineering head presents academic papers in Berlin

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter

Thomas Hall, head of the engineering technology department, went to Berlin to attend a gathering of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) and the European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI) earlier this month.

"I was invited by the ASEE to go do the conference," Hall said.

From Oct. 1 to Oct. 4, Hall attended an international gathering of American and European engineering educators at the Technical University of Berlin. The gathering took place to set up an international accrediting and licensing system.

At the gathering Hall gave his results of his stab at conducting an online laboratory class.

"As cooperation between American and European engineering societies increases graduates will be able to go to Europe or America to work or continue school," Hall said.

As of now most countries do not have a licensing system, Hall said. He went on to say that most countries have an accrediting system and then assume that the graduates do not need to be licensed. The conference was an attempt by America and Europe to set up a centralized international system to allow engineers from the countries to switch to either country and still be able to work or continue school.

Hall went to the gathering to present his work with online engineering laboratories.

"When I cam here in 1995, I wanted to put classes online with the objective to reach students who could not come to town to get a degree," Hall said.

Hall set up an online laboratory. Students in his Internet lab used simulation software to conduct their lab experiments.

Hall had two versions of his paper the presented at the conference. One was written for September 2001 when ASEE and SEFI gathering was supposed to take place first but was postponed due to the terror attacks of Sept. 11. Hall rewrote his research for a new paper for this years gathering. He presented his second paper with a computer presentation.

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Renovations part of University accreditation

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technology department.

Second, creating and maintaining a student environment is where the eventual renovation of the Intramurals and Recreations Building falls into place.

Webb is hopeful that construction documents for the building are signed before "too terribly long."

Housing also falls under this university goal and Webb has some ideas in mind for student accommodations.

"We want to provide our students ultimately over the next few years with a totally revamped student housing operation on this campus where we can provide our students with the best possible accommodations we can at the most reasonable price we can charge for them," Webb said.

The next goal of enrollment management involves the work of the school to maintain student enrollment at Northwestern. An effective plan involving this goal is the renovation of East and West Caspari and their change into a student enrollment service building.

Lastly, creating a learning center environment is a development in place at Kyser Hall. Through the technology of fiber optics, Kyser Hall is up and ready for webcasting to be merged into the journalism program.

This was a suggestion put forth by the accrediting agency that visited the journalism department this week.

Outside of the four major areas, the University is developing and putting into place a formal assessment plan and installing a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), or a strategic plan for the University.

"The QEP we hope to be simple and direct," Webb said. "We want it to be something that people will be aware and knowledgeable about. And to where we can all see where we are headed for improvement."

The University has performed assessment activities for a few years, according to Webb, but the push now is to formalize it.

"We need to formalize that into a plan that we all understand, so that we know what we are assessing," Webb said, "and why and how we are planning to use that information, primarily to improve things."

"This is a complex process, but it is all centered on trying to take an organization and make it better," Webb said. "The first thing we have to demonstrate is that we are indeed a viable thriving university, that is the first thing SACS will require of us."

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> **-Randall Webb**
> University President

Survey: Older white married middle-class rural Protestant men brought Republicans victory

By Steven Thomma
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON—Republicans won last week's elections by carrying majorities of men and whites, marginally increasing their support among Hispanics and benefiting from a slightly lower turnout by African-Americans, according to a survey released Wednesday.

Overall, the survey showed, 50 percent of voters said they voted for Republicans and 46 percent for Democrats.

While small, that 4 percentage-point edge for Republicans was a marked improvement over the 49-49 percentage-point tie in the 2000 congressional elections. And it produced a significant result: Republicans defied a 60-year history of midterm losses in Congress for a first-term president's party by winning control of the Senate and increasing their majority in the House of Representatives.

The post-election survey of 2,647 voters had a margin of error of plus or minus 1.9 percentage points. His numbers are compared here with 1998 and 2000 numbers from Voter News Service exit polls.

Among the key findings: Republicans won a majority of votes from older people, married people, Protestants, those who earn more than $50,000 a year and those in rural America. They lost female voters only by a margin of 48 percent to 50 percent.

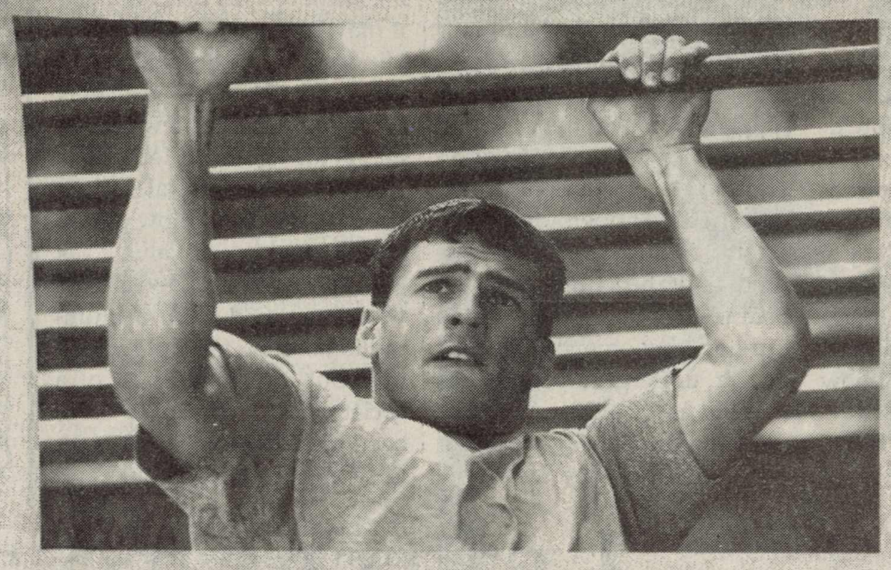
But Republicans lost ground compared with 1998 in two important sectors.

They won a majority among those 60 and older by 51-46 percent despite an aggressive Democratic campaign on the issues of Social Security and the cost of prescription drugs. Yet that was a smaller edge than the GOP's 1998 margin of 54-44 percent.

And Republicans carried the Protestant vote by 54-42 percent, down sharply from their 60-37 percent edge in 1998. One likely reason is a decline in political activism by many Christian conservatives, who have lost the motivation of opposing former President Clinton.

Democrats carried the majority of women, African-Americans, Hispanics, single people, those aged 18 to 29, union members, those who make less than $30,000 a year and residents of large cities.

These findings result from an election in which voting increased slightly. An estimated 78.7 million Americans voted, 39.3 percent of those eligible, according to the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a nonpartisan research group. That was up modestly from 37.6 percent in 1998, the most recent comparable year when there was no president on the ballot.



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10 reasons to 'poke' fun at McNeese State

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief
with Sauce staff

The threat of a possible sellout for Saturday's football game with No. 2 ranked McNeese State, I mean Ryan Street High School, has sent several students to the Field House's ticket windows to receive their tickets.

Hopefully by now you have made your pilgrimage to the Field House to get your free pass. If you haven't there is still hope, but you must do it quickly-Turpin Stadium only seats 15,971 people. The athletic department will cease their distribution of student tickets on Friday at 5 p.m.

The athletic department has worked hard this week to try and get University students to attend this weekend's game.

We at the *Current Sauce* have noticed how hard the athletic department has worked to increase student attendance. So, to try and help the University-students, athletes, faculty and staff-get fired up for the game, we have generated a list of why NSU is better than McNeese State.

10. We are 100% accredited. With the recent reaccreditation of the journalism department, we are once again at full power.

9. Have you ever seen *The Contraband*? *The Contraband* is McNeese State's student newspaper. I hate to be critical, but compared to MSU's student newspaper, right now you are reading the *NY Times*.

8. Isn't McNeese in Texas? Unfortunately, I am from Calcasieu Parish, so I know where MSU is located. But for some of you, if it weren't for the casino-littered banks of Lake Charles you would have no clue where it was, right?

7. The gut-wrenching sway of Cowboy fans after they score a touchdown. On Saturday, you probably will not be seeing much swaying from our friends to the south (our defense is ranked No. 7 in I-AA). However, if you do notice someone sitting next to you begin to sway, please ask them to refrain; seating in Turpin is going to be shoulder to shoulder.

6. "Fork'em" or "Poke'em," you pick. Picture this: a gun-toting cowboy mounted on a horse, or a demon hanging out in a lake of fire. A tuberculosis-ridden cowboy isn't near as frightening as a demon. We do have that mental edge over McNeese.

5. Our dorms have historic character. Sure, they maybe old, but good things still happen in NSU's residents' halls.

4. Dear God, please let us win; we're already $60,000 in the hole. After reading the recent audit by the State Legislators' Office, we could use the money and the good publicity that would come from making the playoffs.

3. Our University doesn't sound like an Extra Value Meal. Repeat after me: *McNuggets, McFlurry, McRib, McNeese*. Can I get a minor with that?

2. Cow tipping is not an NCAA-sanctioned sport. There isn't much to do in Natchitoches, but I am from the Lake Charles area, so you can't fool me.

1. Oprah has never been to Lake Charles. Enough said.

Rest well students of NSU. You have made the right decision. No scholarship, no matter how large, should ever be able to pull you to the cesspool known as McNeese State University. "Fork'em Demons."

AN ADDICT'S STORY PART 3-*The final sign*

By Kristopher Luis Fiallos
(El Servidor De Dios)
Guest columnist

■ **Preface**-This is a non-fictional account of someone's life. Names and places have been changed but everything written is completely true. This is the story of a young man and his problems with alcohol and drugs. This is the story of my life. This is the third and final part of a three part series.

I quit using all drugs but became very dependent on alcohol again just trying to fool myself by replacing one evil with another.

I was a bad drunk and would always blame everyone else for my problems and break or tear things up. Finally, one day after being on a seven-day binge of alcohol I got in an argument with my mom and she kicked me out of the house.

There I was broke, drunk and living on the streets. The only food I would eat would be canned food I would get from my friends. This is what my life had turned into - complete and total bleakness; I was obsolete.

I remember thinking I could die and nobody would know for at least two or three days. I had created my own personal hell.

After two weeks in the streets, I was begging to be able to come home, but my mom knew nothing would change although I was swearing it would. She told me I had to learn to make it on my own.

My father said he would send me to a foreign country and if I could make it on my own for four months I could come home and he would put me back in school.

This was my final sign from God and this time I took it. I made it on my own in another country even unable to speak the language.

Now I am back in school, but still climbing because I realize an addict's struggle is not over until he dies. It is a continuous battle that you fight day by day and right now I am winning.

In conclusion, I am not here to tell you to 'just say no', because hell I didn't. I just thought that if I told my story and somebody read it, maybe one person would think twice before using drugs.

As you can see from this paper I had to lose everything: my friends my family, the only girl I ever truly loved, my dignity, and my self-respect in order to turn my life around.

I just hope that this does not have to happen to you before you reach out for help in fact I pray every night that no one will have to go to the gates of hell as I did in order to change their life for the better.

I wrote this paper as one small, good gesture that might make up for some of the wrong I've done to so many people I love.

Next time you are about to snort a line, trip, pop some 'X,' take some bloops, or whatever, think about what could happen, not that day, but in the end.

Eminem's movie: Can music's bad boy transcend hip-hop?

By Knight Ridder/Tribune
News Service

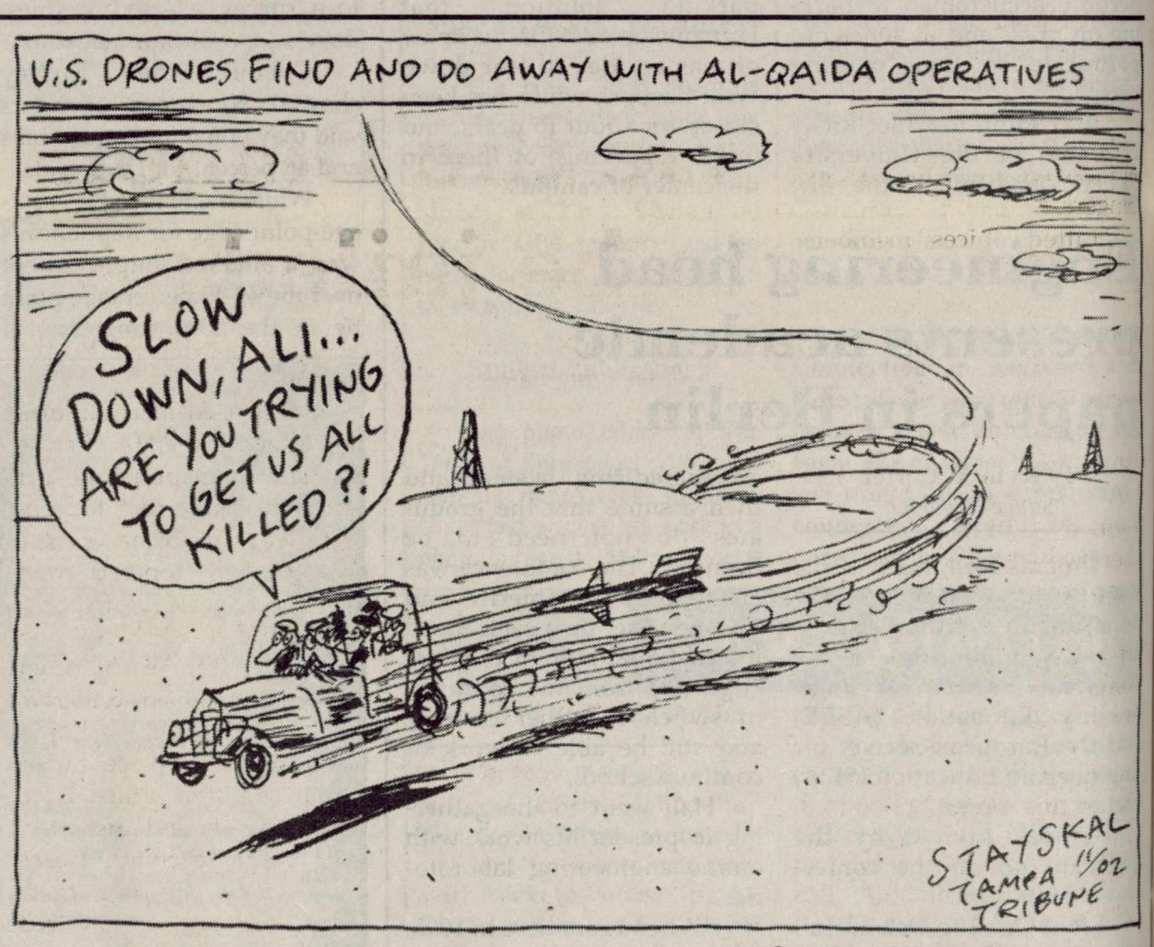
■ *The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Tuesday.*

Marshall Mathers is no stranger to controversy. The exploits of the reigning bad boy of "gangsta" rap have become legendary. It seems Mathers always is stirring the pot and making people uncomfortable. He also makes them think about matters as substantive as violence, prejudice and where artistic expression so far exceeds the boundaries of good taste that it deserves to be censored by a society that treasures freedom. Most Americans, one imagines, have heard of Mathers, though most probably know him better as Eminem.

If you think you had heard the last from the prince of shock back in February of last year when an appearance at the Grammy Awards stirred protests over distasteful lyrics that seemed to promote homophobia and violence against women, think again. We are all going to be hearing a lot more from this talented if seemingly troubled young man.

Eminem now is a movie star. After making his film debut in the semi-autobiographical ``8 Mile'' _ a movie that raked in an estimated $54.5 million over the weekend to become the No. 1 movie in America _ the Detroit-spawned rapper's initials might stand for "Multi-Media." The film gives a behind-the-scenes look at the hip-hop phenomenon centered on an underground practice known as "battling," where participants fire off words at one other as if they were missiles. The movie isn't for everybody. The language is crude, and one or two scenes are explicit enough to have merited its R-rating all by themselves. But it is also a good story, about redemption and the challenges that come from pursuing one's dreams.

From his perch atop the entertainment world, Eminem has achieved his dreams. Now it may be time for redemption. His song lyrics are still repulsive, and his message deeply troubling. But this new turn as an actor gives Mathers a chance to use his talents for good. It also may allow him to offer something of value _ not just to the 18- to 25-year-olds who have made him a multi-millionaire in multiple mediums but also to the rest of a society that has, up to now, been at a loss to figure out what all the fuss is about.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for a job well done

Northwestern Environmental Organization would like to publicly thank Blue Key for their assistance November 9th with our Campus Clean-up Litter Hike. We truly appreciate your support and could not have done half as good a job without you.

Sincerely,
Sarah Baker
Secretary, NEO

'Kaleb no comparison to Oprah'

The article you wrote "Oprah: Larger than life, right next to Jesus" was not the opinion of most NSU students. First of all, I traveled extensively before enrolling in NSU. There is no other place I would CHOOSE to live. Yes, I did grow up in Natchitoches parish and I am proud of this fact. When did it become a bad thing for people to be proud of their heritage? Variety brings character and spice to life, and yes you can sound "southern" and intelligent at the same time.

Before you began to criticize Peggy Plunkett and Natchitoches for "rolling out the red carpet for Oprah" you should maybe look at all the unselfish, incredible things Oprah has done. To name just two, of the many, I would have to remind you of the "Angel Network" and how Oprah provides nourishment to a whole community every single day in Africa. If Natchitoches doesn't roll out the red carpet for an individual with these qualities, who would you suggest we roll it out for?

Just the way you chose to poke fun at our elderly in nursing homes, describes to me just the kind of person you are. How did you become editor in chief?

Tamy Simmons

'Fame and money can change anyone'

BRAVO! I thought I was the only one who felt that way about Oprah Winfrey's visit to Natchitohces.

I'm sorry that Ms. Winfrey didn't feel that she could spend more time with us.

It was Homecoming, after all, but she didn't stick around to let the student body see and/or hear her (at least no one in the parade was able to).

I guess it just goes to show you: fame and money can change ANYONE.

Joseph Rawley

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Lifted Voices

An inside look at NSU's Gospel Choir

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Lifted Voices of NSU Gospel Choir held its fall semester concert on Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

"The annual concert is held on campus to promote gospel music as an art," Fredrick Atkins, president of Lifted Voices, said.

The choir hosts a concert every fall and spring. This gives the group a chance to fellowship with other church and campus choirs.

The mistress of ceremony was Evangelist Marie Williams of the Abundant Life Church. Former Lifted Voices member and NSU alumnus Michael Addison introduced the choir.

With 129 members, Lifted Voices matched in to the music of the theme for this event was entitled "The Best Is Yet to Come." The theme comes from a song sung by gospel recording artist Donald Lawrence and the Tri-City Singers.

Lifted Voices members sang various songs from gospel artists such as Dottie People and Kirk Franklin.

The choir's invited guests were Souls on Fire from Louisiana Tech, and Voices of Faith from Grambling State.

Anointed Perfection performed a liturgical dance and there was also a solo performance from Brandol King.

"God has truly blessed LV and only the best is yet to come," Arien Phillips, Lifted Voices member, said.

Lifted Voices has several upcoming events in Lake Charles, La. The next project will be singing in the local Natchitoches nursing homes during Christmas.

"LV has traveled each weekend to various universities and churches. A special thanks to the choir members, directors, officers, and everyone for supporting us. Let's continue to lift up the name of Jesus," Atkins said.

Out on a Limb troop takes the stage

NSU Theatre improvisational group, our very own "Who's Line is it Anyway?"

By Kristopher Luis Fiallos
Sauce Reporter

Out on a Limb, the NSU Theatre department's improvisational group, performs games and skits.

The group, or "troupe" as they refer to themselves, is a composition of 10 theater majors who auditioned this semester to be part of the troupe.

Memorization of lines is not how the actors prepare for their performances because improvisation is creating and performing with only the other actors on stage to follow.

Out on a Limb prepares by practicing the games and skits that they perform live.

The group has routines such as "Party Quirks" or "Things not to say to..."

Alicia Schulz, a junior theater major, is performing for her second semester in Out on a Limb. She says the performances and practices help the troupe to grow as actors.

"Your on your feet the whole time, it tests your skills, and its very active," Schulz said.

There was a full crowd at The Pioneer Pub to watch the performance.

> *"You know the guys in Alaska who cut holes in the ice and jump in the freezing water? Well, improv's kind of like that."*
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> **- Larry Soileau, trope member**
> *about Out on a Limb*

Larry Soileau, a junior theater major and third year member of the group, said acting spontaneously is frightening but worth the possibility of stage fright or freezing up in front of the audience.

"You know the guys in Alaska who cut holes in the ice and jump in the freezing water?" Soileau said. "Well, improv's kind of like that. It'll probably hurt like hell, but you'll be glad you did it."

Rachel Ray, a sophomore education major, has seen Out on a Limb perform.

"They're all crazy, and they have a lot of fun with what they all do," Ray said.

Also impressed by the performance was 22-year-old Shane Hipler, a Pioneer Pub employee.

"I thought they were impressive and well organized, they did very, very well," Hipler said.

Not everyone who has caught the act has had the same impression.

Tim Mesquena caught the group's' act earlier this year and saw a need for improvement.

"It was alright. I mean I'm not into the whole improv and theater and all that, so I don't know what all goes into it but they could be better," Mesquena said.

The improv group has been performing for three years under the direction of Scott Burrell.

"There were several students who wanted to start doing this, and I felt as though they needed a faculty advisor," Burrell said.

They perform every other Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. at The Pioneer Pub on Front Street.

The troupe also performs at The Cove or The Docks at The Mariners frequently.

They also perform at the Alley occasionally.

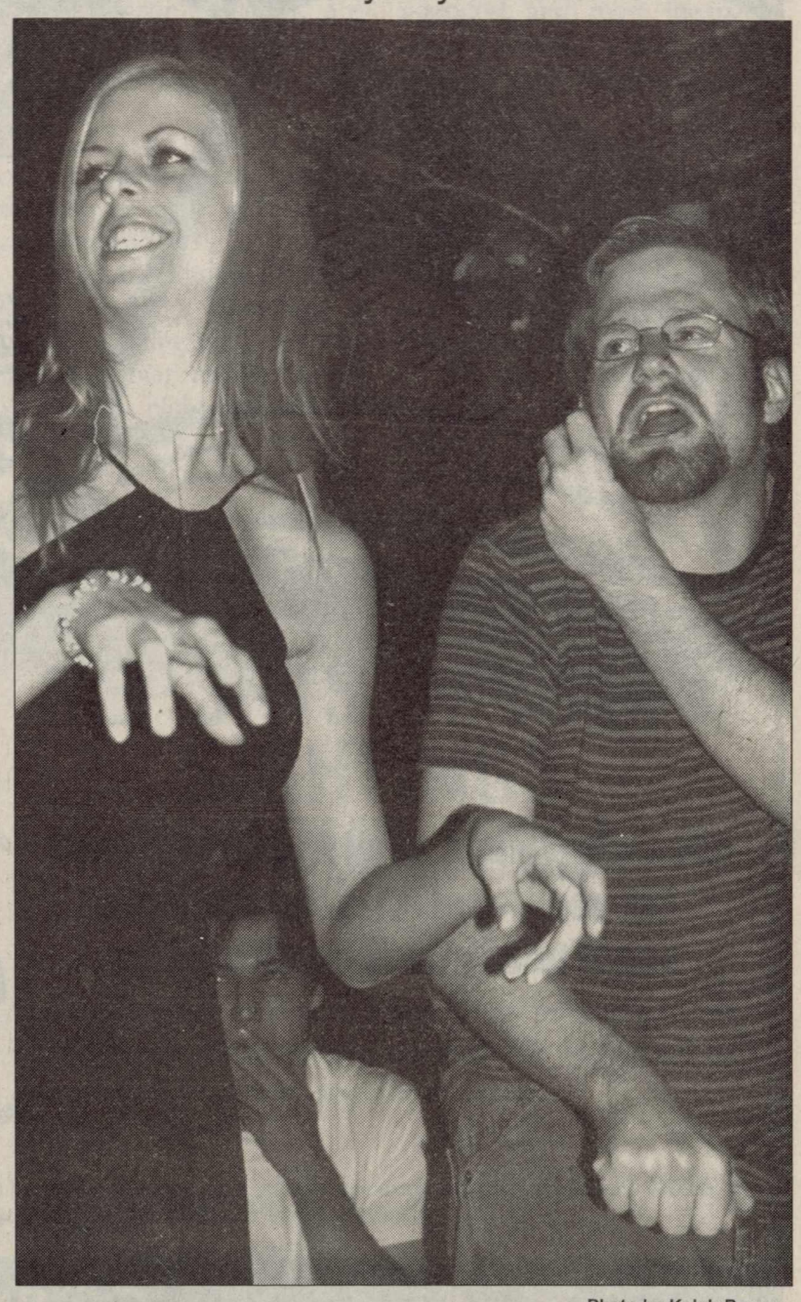

Photo by Kaleb Breaux
Alicia Schulz and Todd Muisk performed Tuesday at The Pioneer Pub.

Vic the Demon to be jailed

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

Local celebrities and involved members of the community will go to jail Wednesday for the health of their fellow man.

The "Cardiac Arrest" luncheon is a program sponsored by the American Heart Association for raising funds in the battle against heart disease. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center located at 716 Second St.

Greg Burke, NSU athletic director, is a member of the Natchitoches AHA board of Central Louisiana and has tried to get the campus involved in this years fundraising efforts. His attempts resulted in the voluntary surrendering of Northwestern's most notorious campus celebrity, Vic the Demon.

Comprised of community leaders, the AHA "Parole Board" is responsible for recruiting "jailbirds" to generate contributions in the form of bail donated from local businesses, friends, family and co-workers.

Vic the Demon and other benevolent jailbirds will give themselves up in the hopes of raising $300 a piece for the AHA mission, which is to reduce death and disability from cardiovascular disease and stroke. During their incarceration the jailbirds will be treated to a heart-healthy luncheon.

The successful jailbirds who are bailed out receive an official jailbird t-shirt and will be eligible for other prize drawings.

'The Laramie Project' set to run Nov. 14

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

"The Laramie Project" is based on a true story of a 21-year-old gay male lured by two men who told him they were gay. He was driven to a remote area near the Sherman Hills neighborhood east of Laramie, Wyoming.

He was tied to a split-rail fence, tortured, beaten and pistol-whipped by the two men while he begged for his life. He was left dead in the freezing cold only to be found by a cyclist 18 hours after the attack.

The NSU theatre department presents "The Laramie Project" to be held on Nov. 14-22 at 7:30 p.m. in Theater West.

"The Laramie Project" is the story of the brutal death of Matthew Shepard, which was earlier described.

Theater department professor Scott Burrell directs this production. This show is done with a small cast of eight, but each cast member has multiple parts in the play.

Tickets are available in the theater department. Admission is $5 for adults and free to students with a current student ID.

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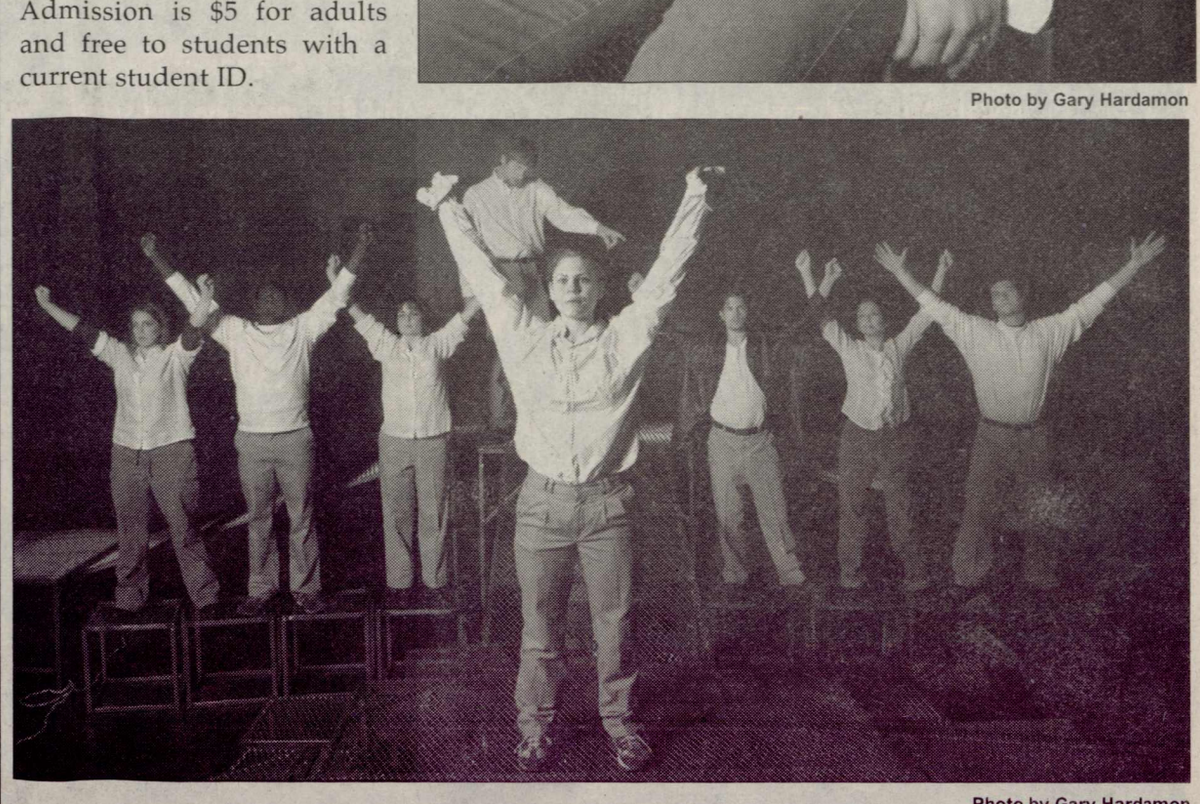

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"Laramie Project" actors and actresses rehearse for opening night on Nov. 14.

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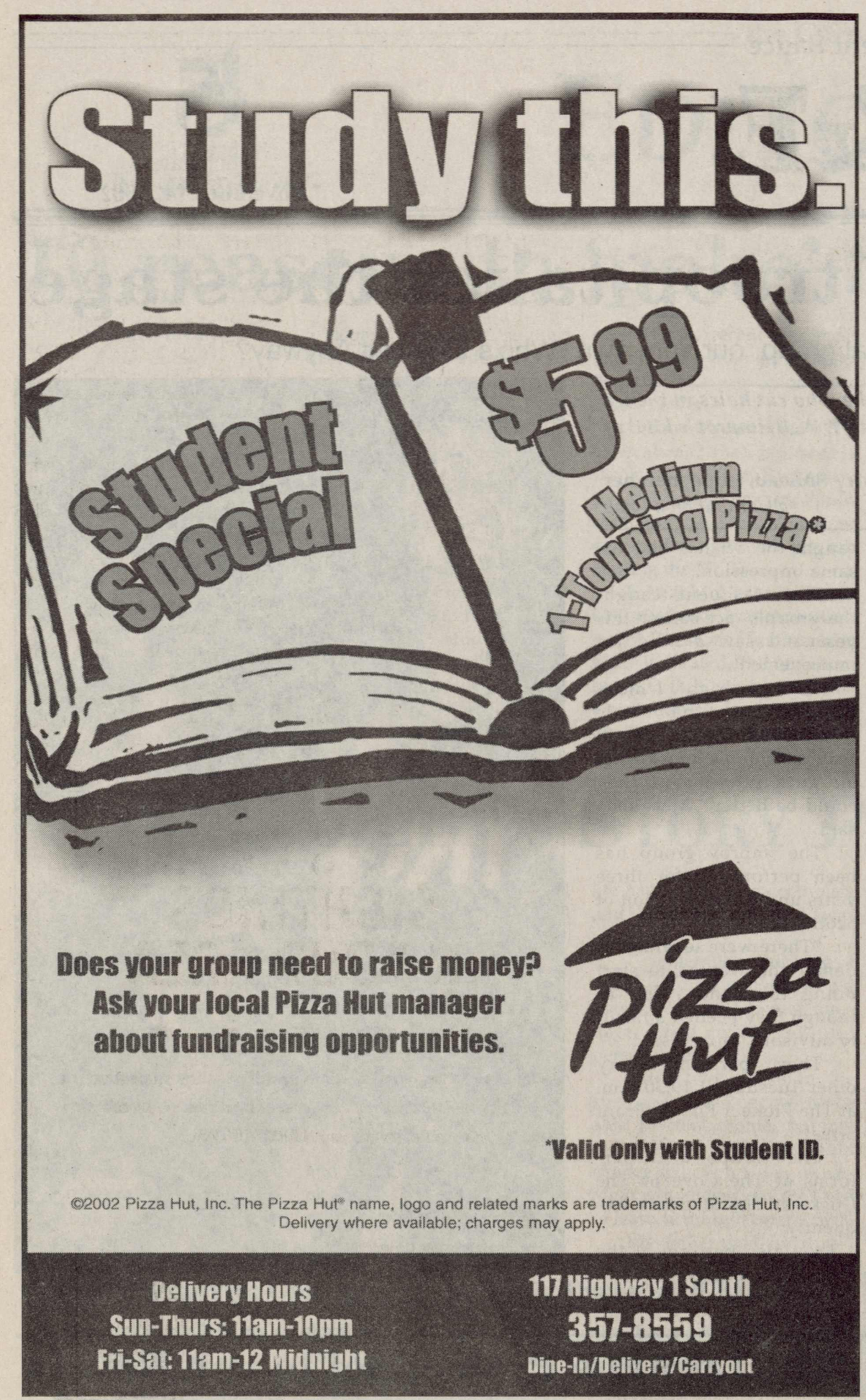

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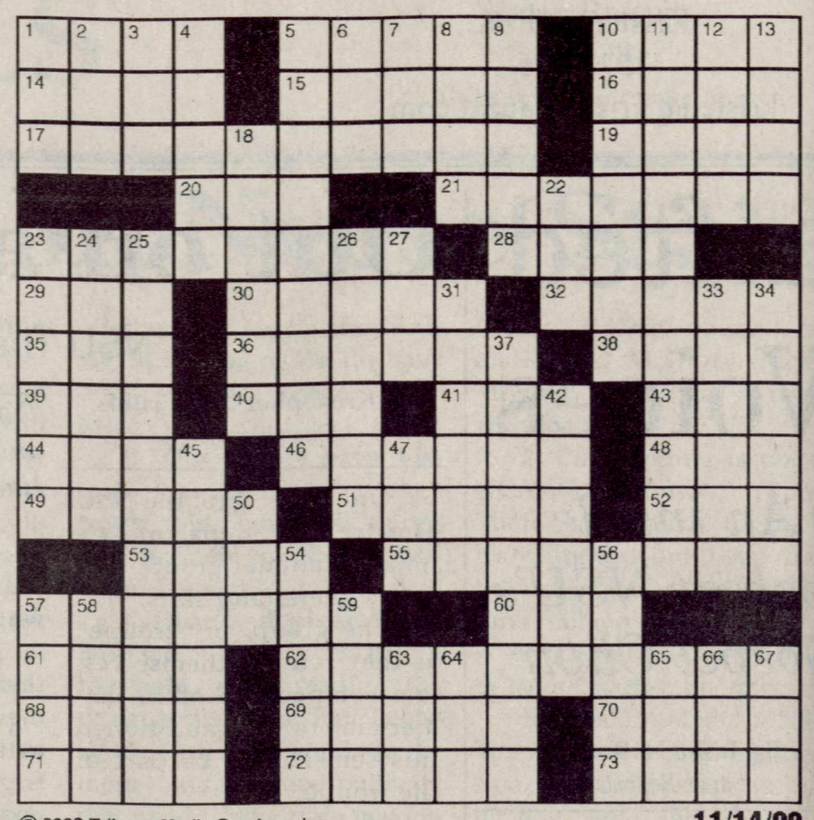

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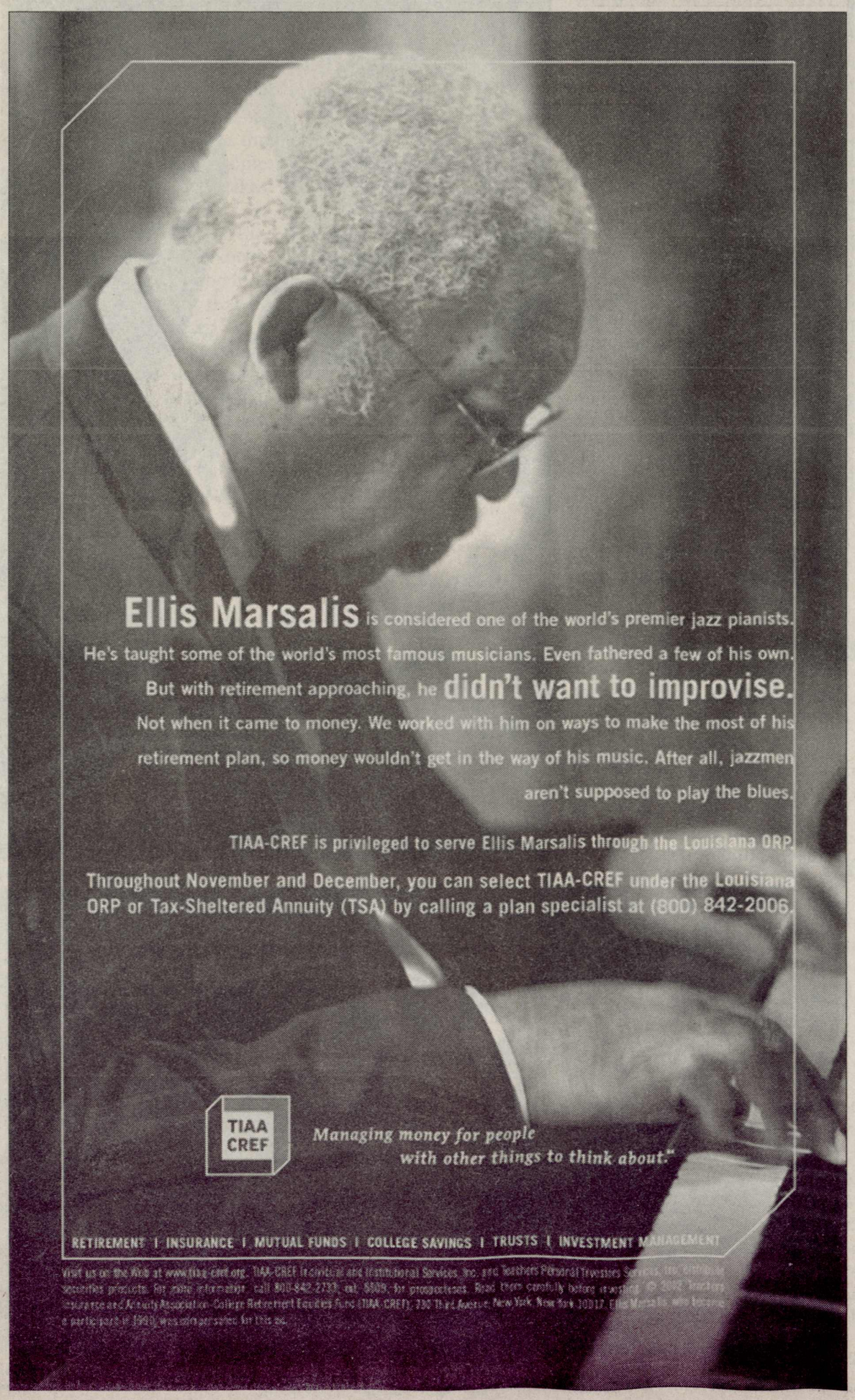

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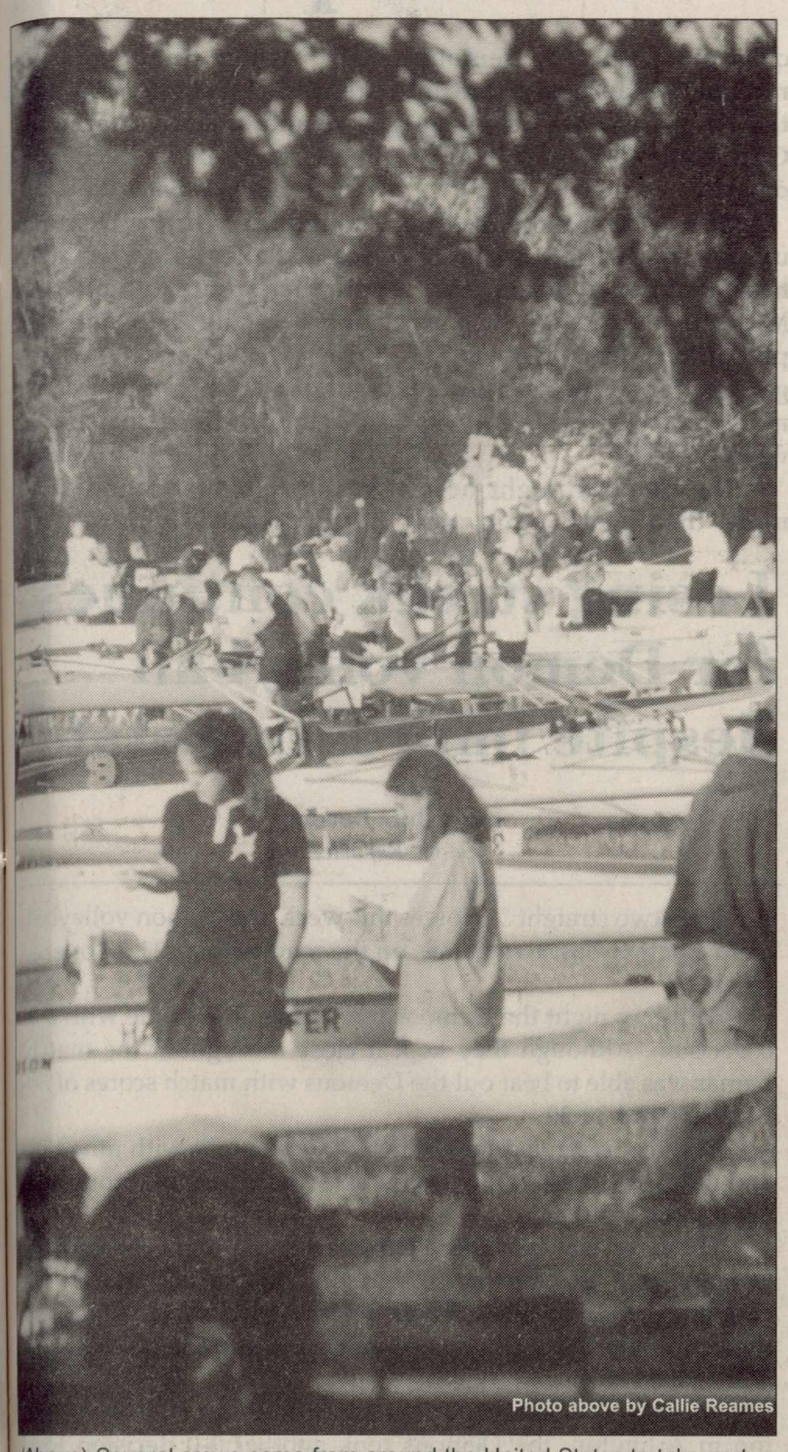
Teams migrate to 13th Annual Marathon



(Above) Several crews came from around the United States to take part in a one of a kind marathon championships held annually in Natchitoches.

(Right) A Canoe, an eight-man boat and a four-man boat are pictured finishing the 26.8 mile course Saturday.

By Sauce Staff

The NSU Crew hosted the 13th Annual Marathon Rowing Championships on Cane River Lake Saturday. Teams from all over the United States, with participants from all over the world, raced the 26.8-mile race. The race is unique in that it is the only continuous marathon course in the United States, and possibly the world.

Some 30 teams from Iowa to Florida participated in the race. Two boats from Wisconsin were scheduled to participate, but cancelled at the last minute. An approximated 270 rowers competed, and overall turnout was over 350.

The Marathon is a rowing forum for oarsmen and paddlers alike. Every boat from a racing shell (as in the rowing team) to canoes and kayaks and even pirogues participated.

The most popular division is the men's master's single shell event. Masters rowers are age 27 and over. More than 20 participants raced in this category alone and ranged in age from 28 to 69.

NSU had two boats in the race. The varsity women's four boat and the men's varsity eight boat both raced. The women placed first in their division and the men placed second.

"It's exciting to see lots of participants come back year after year," Regatta Director and NSU Crew President Kristin Huben said. "It's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun."

After completing the grueling course, rowers are treated to an authentic Louisiana gumbo dinner before leaving Natchitoches.

"The privilege is in rowing the Marathon and the challenge comes from within to finish the 26+ miles," master's rower Robert Houston said. "I am happy to have met the challenge."

Houston and very few others have complete the race 12 times as of this year's regatta.

For more information on the Marathon, including times and places, visit www.nsula.edu/nsucrew , or call 357-5921.

Demons take on Ouachita Baptist

By Sauce Staff

The Northwestern State Demon's basketball squads won their exhibition games in dramatic fashion each needing a last minute score to secure the victory.

The Lady Demons edged out Ouachita Baptist 66-65 and the Demons rallied to beat Ouachita Baptist 55-53.

Sophomore guard Diamond Cosby scored a team-high 14 points including the game winning 15-footer at the buzzer Wednesday night to edge out Ouachita Baptist.

Angela Davidson, SLC Player of the Year, scored 14 points for NSU while team veteran Anna Means chipped in 10 points.

The freshman-laden Demons rallied from 13 down to win over Ouachita Baptist. The young Demons are the nation's youngest and most inexperienced Division I men's basketball team with 12 first-year players.

NSU pulled out the win with stingy defensive pressure that help cut the lead and Freshman guard Tryonn Mitchell scored 12 points and sank two free throws with one second left to complete the late rally.

Up next for both squads is Henderson State on Monday night at LSU-Shreveport campus. The exhibitions games are being played in Shreveport due to renovations to Prather Coliseum.

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Lady Demon soccer: 2002 SLC Champions

Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Two out of three ain't bad-especially when it's two Southland Conference women's soccer championships in three years.

The battle-tested Demons claimed the SLC crown and, a 12-5-5 record, with a goal from freshman forward Stephanie Miller by way of a free kick in the closing minutes of the second half, handing the Southeastern Louisiana Lions a 2-1 defeat.

The Demons, who had lost four of their top players to injuries in the final weeks of the regular season saw the return of two of their stars sophomore midfielders; Brittany Hung and Katie Corona.

Hung wasted no time in returning to her position of offensive prominence when she scored the Demons' first goal with a spinning kick to the left side of the net early in the first half.

Coach Jimmy Mitchell spoke about the perseverance of injury-ridden team.

"This team is special," Mitchell said. " We've had injury after injury...but they kept going."

Defensively it was freshman forward Ashley Hadley and sophomore goalkeeper Nellie Latolais protected the Demons' field investments allowing the Lions only one goal.

Hadley was assigned the job of shutting down SLC Newcomer of the Year Kim McNally, and Latolais scooped up five saves on the day to earn her tournament MVP honors.

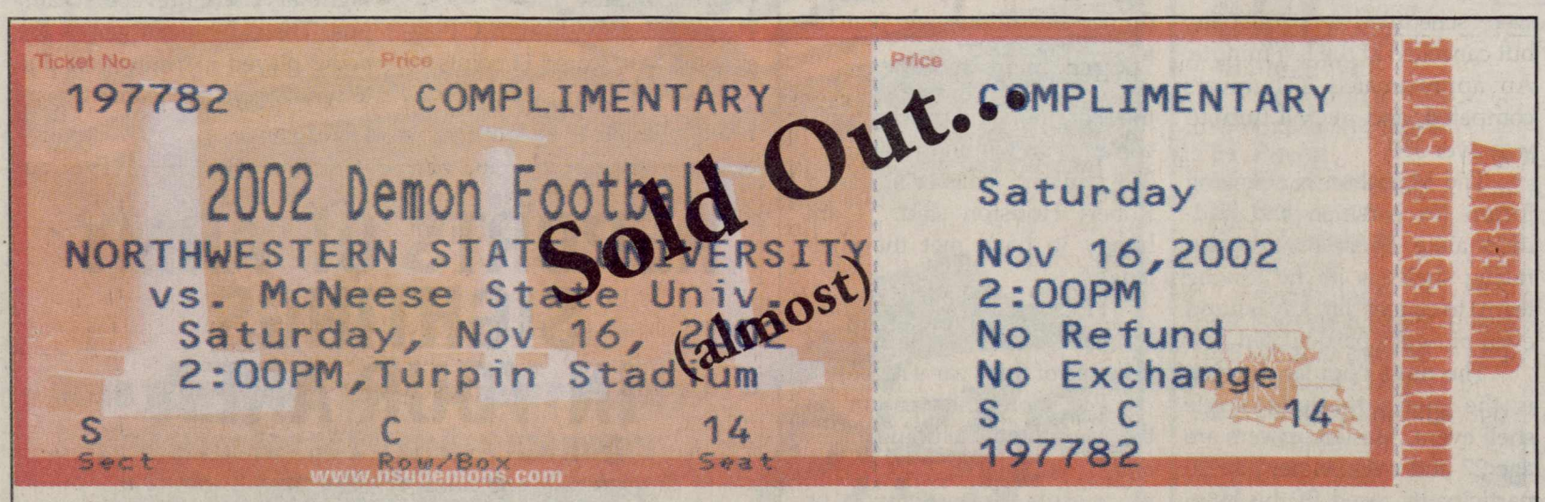
In other individual award news, Hadley, Latolais, Miller, Hung as well as Jacqui Lawerence and Katie Priest were all named to SLC All-Tournament Team.

By winning the SLC championship the Demons received an automatic bid in the NCAA women's College Cup beginning next Saturday.

"It will be a challenge for us, but our girls have a lot of heart and they will compete" Mitchell said. "A lot of people didn't think we would get this far so that is a testament to our team and its work ethic."

The Demons might need more than work ethic and heart when they go up against bracket host and Big-12 regular season champion Texas A&M in College Station, Texas this Saturday.

Should the Demons escape the 17-4-1 Aggies they will then contend with the winner of the University of Texas (15-4-1) and Southern Methodist University (12-5-4) game. SMU defeated the Aggies 1-0 in 1997, which was the last first-round tournament loss for A&M.



Football tickets and rivalry HOT

51-year old rivalry could decide the SLC championship

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

"Ticket demand has been relentless from McNeese. If there are tickets by Friday I will be stunned."
-Doug Ireland
Director of Sports Information
About the rush on tickets for the game against Northwestern and McNeese

The 15,971 seat Turpin Stadium is expected to sellout for Saturday's showdown between the Northwestern State Demons and the McNeese State Cowboys as they collide for playoff and Southland Conference Championship rights.

About 16,000 tickets were on sale for the NSU fans at the Athletic Fieldhouse, but only 1,500 tickets remain. Students must get a ticket to get into the stadium on Saturday. McNeese has sold out their 3,500 tickets and NSU student tickets are even going faster for the state rival game.

"Ticket demand has been relentless from McNeese," Sports Information Doug Ireland said. "If there are tickets by Friday I will be stunned. Should be sold out by tomorrow."

The Demons and the Cowboys have split their last four games, none of which have been decided by more than a touchdown. The home team has the upper hand in the series, winning the last four meetings, two of which were decided in the final ten seconds of play. McNeese has won eight of the last 10 matchups against the Demons, while the Demons have won the last two games played at home.

Whoever comes out on top of this hard-fought game has a strong claim to hosting a first round playoff game and a share of the SLC championship. McNeese can claim a share with a win. NSU has to win both its remaining games for a share of the title.

"No question the stakes are high. Conference championship and home field advantage for the playoffs, so the stakes are extremely high for this game," Ireland said.

The 51-year old rivalry between these schools heated up this year when the Demons signed coach Scott Stoker away from the Cowboys where he coached for 8 years. Stoker brought along with him four former Cowboy assistants and two former star Cowboy players to his new Demon football staff.

"The kids play the game, not me," Stoker said. "One of the best teams in the country and one of the best for the last couple of years so it is going to be a tough game."

The Demons fell to No. 7 in both major polls Wednesday while the Cowboys remain at No. 2. The Demons are coming off a disappointing loss to Jacksonville State while McNeese is coming off a blowout win over Southwest Texas.

Jacksonville State pulled off the upset snapping the Demons five game winning streak. The Gamecocks ended their stay in the Southland Conference with their biggest win ever coming against the No. 3 ranked Demons.

The sizzling offense of the Demons was held to only 60 yards rushing and 262 total yards with four turnovers. NSU did not cross midfield in the final nine minutes of play against the potent Gamecock defense.

"We played poorly and cannot explain why, they beat our butts pretty good," Stoker said.

NSU hopes to rebound this Saturday with a huge win against state rival McNeese with bragging rights and playoff and championship implications on the line. Students must remember to get tickets from the Fieldhouse and noisemakers are not allowed inside the Stadium.

Show up early for a rumble in Turpin that should be an outstanding football match up between two great powerhouse Division I-AA teams.

Losing streak continues for Demon volleyball despite impressive stats

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

With two straight 3-0 losses this week, the Demon volleyball team enters its last two games on the road with an 11-23 overall record.

Saturday night the Demons fell to Lamar at home with a 3-0 decision. Although they kept it close throughout the match, Lamar was able to beat out the Demons with match scores of 30-24, 30-24 and 30-20.

Evelyn Getzen led the Demons for the night with nine kills and nine digs while Becky David and Chelsea Smith brought in eight more kills each.

These, as well as other statistics for the night, helped the Demons pull together a .149 hit percentage, but it was not enough to match Lamar. Their .397 hit percentage as well as their multiple thirty-plus point games helped them secure the win against NSU.

Tuesday night while playing the University of Texas-Arlington in Arlington, the Demons took another 3-0 decision loss. Despite the fact that Arlington is ranked No. 1 in the Southland Conference, the Demons tried to keep a grasp on the possibility of a win.

In the first two games, Arlington took control beating them 30-19 and 30-17, but in the third game the Demons tightened their grasps only to fall to Arlington 30-23.

Christina Stone and Flavia Belo were back in action during this game racking up massive statistics including their combined total of 13 kills, 17 digs and 15 assists while being led by the game's kill leader, Beth Freeland who had 12 solo kills.

Regardless of the numerous individual stat records the Demons lost two of their final four games. These losses gave the Demons an 11-23 overall record and a 3-15 conference record and placed the Demons No. 9 in the Southland Conference going into their last two games.

This week the Demons will continue on the road in Texas to cap off this season. On Friday night they take on Southwest Texas at 7 p.m., and then move on to play the University of Texas-San Antonio on Saturday at 2 p.m. for the final game of the season.

The last two games are conference games and could possibly help the Demons jump at least one spot in the overall rankings.

Upcoming Northwestern Athletic Events

Pep Rally:	**Turpin Stadium** **Friday at 10 p.m.**
Football:	**McNeese** **Saturday at 2 p.m.**
Soccer:	**At Texas A & M** **Saturday**
Volleyball:	**At Southwest Texas** **Friday at 7 p.m.**
	At Texas-San Antonio **Saturday at 2 p.m.**
Cross Country:	**South Central Regional** **At Waco, Tx.** **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.**
M. Basketball:	**Arkansas-Monticello** **Monday at 7:45 p.m.**
W. Basketball:	**Arkansas-Monticello** **Monday at 5:45 p.m.**

Injuries not able to hold back Demons

Photo by Monica Williams
Hillary Marshal gets her leg checked out that she injured two weeks ago. Lady Demon soccer has seen their fair share of injuries this season.

By Callie Reames
Sauce Reporter

Demon soccer's guardian angels were off duty this semester, and the result was five injured players.

Despite the setbacks, they press forward and trek westward this weekend to represent the Southland Conference at the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

According to Sports Information, coach Jimmy Mitchell said, "A lot of people didn't think we would get this far."

The injuries have been rolling in since the season's start.

Sophomore Brittany Hung began the season with a broken foot and freshman Katie Crona suffered a torn ACL, but they both returned to the lineup last weekend to help defeat Southwest Texas and earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"This team is special," Mitchell said. "They have gone through so much adversity this season and just keep fighting."

Mid season, leading scorer freshman Rachel Folk tore her ACL and NCL, which kept her off the field for the remainder of the season.

Two weeks ago, junior Hillary Marshal hurt her leg, and during last weekend's conference tournament, sophomore Danielle Thomas injured her ankle.

Assistant sports information director Kenny Lannou said three out of the first four injuries were players that were supposed to be the top offensive scorers this season. To stay in the running for an NCAA tournament spot, the team had to play a solid defense and an aggressive offense.

"Defense wins games," Lannou said.

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Student's death stuns NSU

■ *University, family, fraternity quiet about circumstances surrounding death*

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

An NSU student and active member of Kappa Sigma fraternity died at the Louisiana State University Hospital in Shreveport around 1 p.m. Monday.

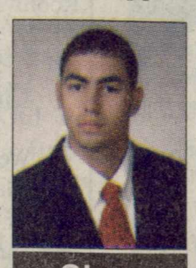
Adam Sims was sent to LSU Hospital on Saturday after experiencing a seizure at his home in Natchitoches.

NSU's Theta Mu chapter of Kappa Sigma could not officially comment on the cause of his death and his family could not be reached for comment.

Sims celebrated his 23rd birthday at the end of October.

A student at NSU since the fall of 2000 and an active member of Kappa Sigma since January 2001, Sims was set to graduate in the spring of 2004.

A memorial service was held for Sims at the Kappa Sigma house Wednesday afternoon after his funeral at the Church of Immaculate Conception. Members of Kappa Sigma that conducted the service spoke in remembrance of Sims on his family's behalf.



Sims

Many members of the fraternity were affected by Sims' death and remember his as a great friend and enthusiastic Kappa Sigma member.

Fraternity brother and friend Jared Hewitt said that Adam was always doing something and would rather be at the Kappa Sigma house than at class.

"It's like losing a brother," Hewitt said.

> *"Let today always be a reminder of how little time we have to spend with our brothers."*
>
> **Jared Dunahoe**
> KΣ Grand Master

Theta Mu chapter Grand Master Jared Dunahoe said he and the rest of the fraternity appreciated the members of other campus Greek organizations attending Sims' memorial service.

Chris Graham, a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, grew up with Sims and remembers him as a very positive person who always tried to build others up.

"As a freshman, he took me under his wing and helped me out a lot," Graham said. "He always made an effort to make sure I was doing well and make me feel better."

Dunahoe said Sims' death was a great loss and a lesson to all campus organizations.

"The Greek community as a whole will learn a lot from this experience," Dunahoe said.

Many of his fraternity brothers say that through the many memories Sims left his them and others he met on NSU's campus, Kappa Sigma will never forget Sims.

"He was a treasure to us all at this university," Dunahoe said.

The memorial service's program asked those wishing to give flowers in memory of Sims to instead donate to the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund in his memory.

"Let today always be a reminder of how little time we have to spend with our brothers," Dunahoe wrote in the program, which he signed "Through Life and Death."

As Tony Rispoli said at Sims' memorial, we may never know why Sims' omega–his end–came so soon, but he will be remembered.

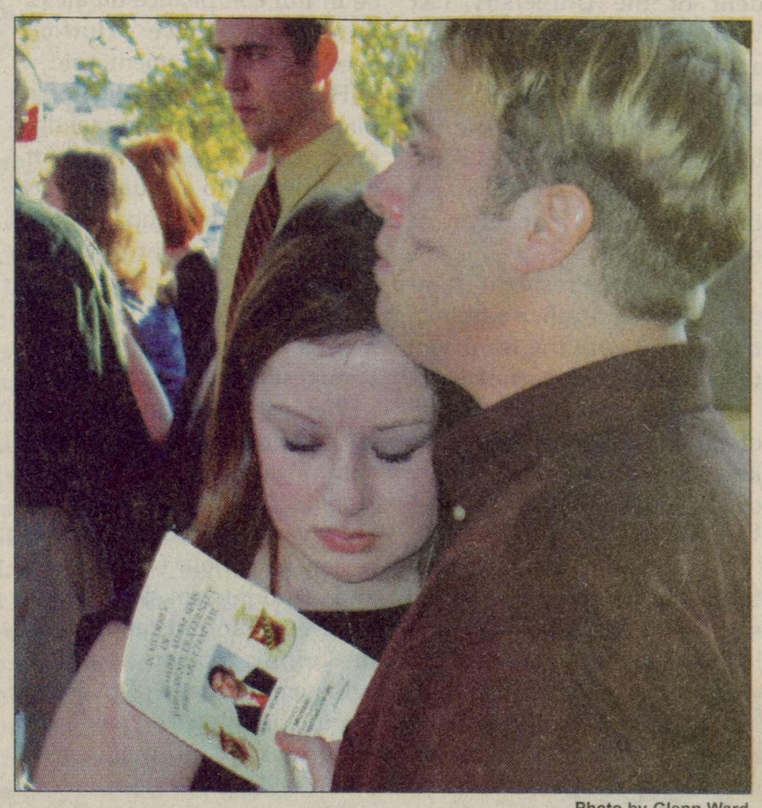


Photo by Glenn Ward

Sarah Fisher and Matt Barclay mourn at a Wednesday afternoon memorial service for Adam Sims at the Kappa Sigma house. Sims, a member of Kappa Sigma, died Monday after a seizure at his Natchitoches home.

NOT QUIET on the HOMEFRONT

Can millions of dollars protect soldiers at one of America's busiest training bases?

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

The death of two soldiers during a military exercise on Thursday marked the second training fatality at Fort Polk this year.

Cpl. Jason D. Fisher and Pfc. Joseph P. Favorito III were backed over by a 63-ton M1 Abrams tank at 5:20 a.m. during assault training.

The two men were airlifted to Fort Polk's Bayne-Jones Memorial Hospital, where they were pronounced dead.

Fisher, 27, entered the Army on Sept. 1998 and is survived by his wife Tara and stepson Christopher.

Favorito, 20, entered the Army on Nov. 2001 and is survived by his father Joseph P. Favorito Jr.

"The exact circumstances are still under investigation," Fort Polk's deputy public affairs officer Dan Nance said.

Fort Polk and Fort Campbell military authorities and a team with the U.S. Army Safety Center of Fort Rucker, Ala. are investigating the incident.

Although not much information has been released, a post spokesman stated the men were not part of the M1 Abrams tank crew, and it is unknown why the men were around the tank.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

An M1 Abrams tank is being transported near Leesville. A similar tank was involved in an accident at Fort Polk that resulted in the death of two soldiers during a training exercise.

Both stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., Fisher and Favorito were assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The two soldiers were at Fort Polk to take part in exercises at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

The JRTC was officially opened at Fort Polk on Aug. 20, 1993. The Center's mission is to provide uniquely realistic training to soldiers from all branches of the military, according to a JRTC Web site.

"Combat training is very dangerous," Nance said. "Sometimes accidents occur; we do everything we can to prevent them."

Fort Polk's first accident of the year occurred four months ago.

On the night of Aug. 20, a helicopter crash claimed the lives of two Fort Polk aviators during another JRTC exercise.

Chief Warrant Officers Milas Turney and Phillip Rochlitz were both considered by a Fort Polk spokesman to be experienced pilots in flying the helicopter, according to the Associated Press.

Their OG-58D Kiowa helicopter had just left a refueling point and was on its way to conduct scouting and reconnaissance operations when the crash occurred, the *Fort Polk Guardian* reported that Capt. Darryl Wright said.

No additional information has been released. The cause of this crash is still under investigation by the U.S. Army Safety Center and Fort Polk.

The *Leesville Daily Leader* reported some areas at Fort Polk have had increased safety measures installed. Speed bumps were added in March 2002 to increase the safety of military police from speeding drivers.

The idea came from thorough studying and professional recommendations, said Master Sgt. James Perry, according to *Leesville Daily Leader*.

In July 2002, U.S. Sens. Mary Landrieu and John Breaux secured $96 million for military construction projects across Louisiana.

Fort Polk received $31 million to create a JRTC training range, a facility used by every

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Survey: Students say NSU better this year than last

■ *Students still concerned about availability of technology, services*

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Efforts to improve student services at NSU are paying off.

That is the finding according to a student opinion survey conducted by American Collegiate Testing in the spring of 2001. Student opinion of University services has improved from the last time the survey was administered in 2000.

The survey was given by way of a stratified random sampling of 1,349 students and facilitated through the University's department of planning and assessment, and will be repeated this spring as well as the following year.

A stratified random sampling is a method whereby a percentage of the student population is selected to reflect the entire student population with racial, ethnic, and student classifications being the primary variables considered by the survey.

According to the results of the survey NSU improved in the areas of billing and fee payment schedules, financial aid, general registration procedures, classroom facilities and variety of courses offered.

Availability of financial aid information, the college itself, testing, grading systems, security/safety and general admissions procedure were also arenas in which the school tested positively.

Although NSU improved in 10 overall areas, the percentage increases of satisfaction were low themselves.

The highest point increase was a 9.8 percent jump, 42.5 in 2001 and 52.3 in 2002, in the category of billing and fee payment procedures, while the category of security and safety had the lowest increase with a score of 1.1, 53.8 in 2001 and 54.9 in 2002.

The survey does not provide information into areas of student dissatisfaction. Instead the department of planning and assessment calculates the given statistics of student satisfaction to determine levels of student dissatisfaction.

The department, directed by Roni Ramirez, takes into account questions answered with the neutral option as well as categories that had low ranking levels of satisfaction in order to figure any dissatisfaction students may encounter with the University.

"There could be various reasons why a student a may respond neutral," Ramirez said. "Our focus was on the areas where there...was less neutral responses so we could interpret it to see if there really was satisfaction in that area," Ramirez said

Ramirez also explained a possible cause to low satisfaction ratings.

"If it showed up as dissatisfaction it really may not have been that bad if all that many people weren't responding to it," Ramirez said. "It's not valid enough to look at it because your numbers are smaller.

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
62°/42°	63°/33°	68°/38°
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy

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Journalism dept. aces accreditation

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter

The team from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) held an exit interview with the President of the University last Wednesday to finish the evaluation of the journalism department.

Last Wednesday marked the beginning of the end of the long process of trying to get the journalism department reaccredited.

University President Randall Webb and other administrators met with the team sent to evaluate the department.

"They were a very fine team of good solid people who knew how to assess the quality of a journalism program," Webb said.

Webb and others present told what the team planned to say in their report to the national agency next semester.

In this report, the team outlined Northwestern's performance on a system of guidelines containing 12 standards to be worked towards.

From the team's assessment of the department through these standards ACEJMC will be provided the information needed to decide whether to reaffirm the journalism department.

"The program was found to be in full compliance on all 12 standards," Steve Horton, head of the department, said.

Horton said that the team planned to make recommendations for the reaffirmation of the program to a council committee in March and later to the national accrediting council in May.

The team found the department's self study to be its strongest area, Horton said.

Webb also said the team was also impressed by the multicultural aspect of the department.

"My own perception of this review is that our faculty, staff, and students in journalism have done an outstanding job in bringing that level of achievement, and Dr. Steve Horton has directed great leadership skills in that area," Webb said.

Not many schools have achieved the level that Northwestern has in journalism.

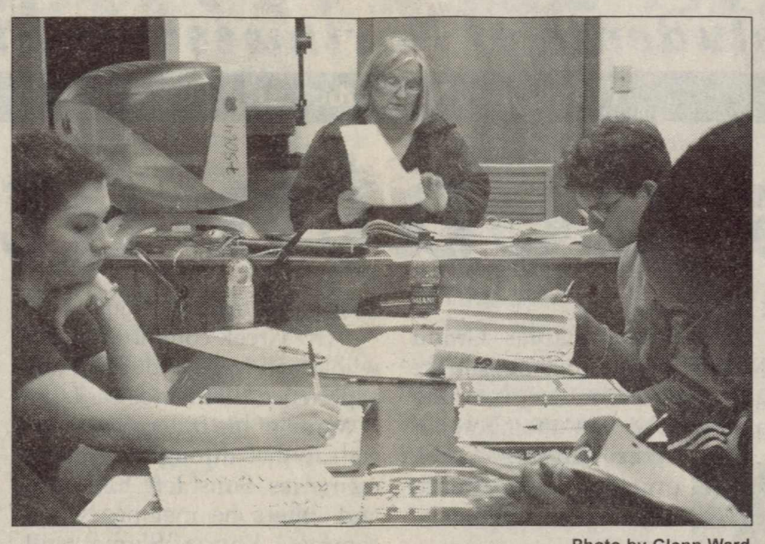

Photo by Glenn Ward

Journalism professor Mary Brocato teaches a class Wednesday afternoon. The department met all 12 standards of accreditation, with only a few suggestions for improvement.

Mary Brocato, journalism professor, said that only 20 percent of schools in the nation are accredited, and of those schools only one out of ten comply with all 12 standards.

"The important thing is that this spreads far beyond just the journalism department, for anytime a program does well in an accreditation field it shows the level of prestige of the whole university," Webb said.

All that has been left has been to wait until next semester when the final decision will be made on the department's reaffirmation status. No one has been assured that the journalism department will be reaffirmed, but all involved in the process have been confident that all will work out in the school's favor.

"We won't know until the national meeting of ACEJMC," Webb said.

SGA Minutes 11-18-2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm
The prayer was led by Gregory Comeaux the pledge was led by Adam Stoll

Roll Call
Present:
Amanda Breaux, Kayla Brossett, Gregory Comeaux, Timberly Deville, Andy Dye, Dustin Floyd, Tometrius Greer, Chris Henry, Chris Johnson, Linzie Ledford, Scott Manguno, Mindy McConnell, Kelli Miller, Taylor Morgan, Casey Ponder, Kin Romas, Adam Stoll, Cade Strong, Alan Sypert, Ryan Terry, Timmy Watts, Elizabeth Webb

Absent:
Adam Allen, Elizabeth Hughes, Luke Hutchison, Brian Jarreau, Cory Markham, Jared Hewitt

Dustin Floyd moved to Approve the minutes from the 11/11 Meeting Cade Strong Seconds motion passes by general consent 22-0-0.

Executive Reports

Treasurer – Dustin - budget looks good no change since last week good luck on your upcoming exams.

Vice President – Jennifer – Breakfast with the President is 11/19 the Scholars College will be there.

President – Stacie – COSBP December 7-8 let me know if anyone is interested in attending. The Board of Supervisors has postponed the initiatives until after Thanksgiving Break. STAT meeting Friday at 2:00 everyone is invited make sure Greg, Scott, and Dustin attend.

Department Reports
Academic Affairs – We have legislation on the floor tonight.

External – Meet your senator day will be Wednesday from 10-2. We will be meeting on Tuesday to redecorate the board for this event. Greg and I have the web page updated and it has been linked to the Student Activities website.

Fiscal – Not a lot going on, we did not meet last week because no one has come to ask for money.

Internal – During the meeting today we discussed the possibility of placing a by-law under the senate rules to force more cooperation at department meetings. We also discussed fixing a Constitutional amendment that deals with the Speaker of the Senate election.

Student Affairs – Luke Hutchison was absent – Storm the Dorms is tonight.

Other Reports
Mr. Henry – No report
Supreme Court – As soon as the opinion is signed, it will be made public.
SAB report – Misty Garrett was elected the new Vice-President

Unfinished Business
1. Dustin moved to approve Bill FA02-019 Mindy McConnell seconds. Mindy moved to amend Bill FA02-019 to state: "a list of required texts to be submitted to the University Bookstore and Campus Corner be also submitted to the SGA." Taylor Morgan seconds. Amendment passes by general consent 22-0-0. The amended bill passes 21-0-1 2. Dustin moved to approve Bill FA02-020 Amanda seconds. Bill passes 22-0-0 3. Kin moves to approve Bill FA-02-020 Chris J. seconds. Dustin Floyd moved to amend the bill to state: "a recommendation be made" Cade seconds. Ammendment passes by general consent 22-0-0. Ammended bill passes 22-0-0.

New Business
1. Mindy moved to approve Bill FA02-022 Kelli Miller seconds. Bill passes by role call vote 17-5-0 2. Presidential appointments to the Residential Life Committee, Student Safety Committee, and Disciplinary Appeals Committee pass by general consent 22-0-0. 3. Greg Comeaux presented the letter to the senate for the people who will be up for removal at the next meeting.

Announcements:
Please attend department meetings. College Republicans will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday. College Democrats will have a meeting Tuesday
Meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.

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The Spanish Club will be distributing the Christmas presents for the Toys for Tots program on Saturday, Dec. 14. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4. For more information, see your class representative, Dr. Pratt in Room 314E of Kyser Hall (357-5590), or visit the Resource Center in Room 313 of Kyser Hall (357-4072).

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Latter-day Saints

The Institute of Religion of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holds weekly scripture study classes in Room 316 of the Student Union every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Josh at 318-590-1812.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings are held in Russell Hall in Room 213 every Monday at 12 p.m. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Tau Kappa Epislon

The members of Tau Kappa Epsilon will be holding a clothing drive until Nov. 22. If you wish to donate any items of clothing (t-shirts, jeans, sweats, etc) please bring them by the TKE house on Greek Hill and we will gladly take them in for donation. All proceeds will be given to charity so that the items can be distributed during Christmas. If you have any questions please direct them to Jeremy Ables at 352-9470.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week s issue of the Current Sauce, bring a typed Connection to room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Polk money aimed at preventing accidents

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American soldier sent overseas. The project is currently sidelined until the effects on the environment and human population can be measured.

"These projects will go a long way towards improving these facilities for military men and women, ultimately making them safer, which helps keep us all safe," Landrieu said, according to the Leesville Daily Leader.

Soldiers involved in JRTC are exposed to a number of intense combat simulations set on a fictitious Atlantic island.

"The last thing we want to do is have someone killed," Nance said about the loss of the soldiers.

Students love fee payment on survey

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"As your numbers get smaller the validity gets smaller also because you're not able to generalize to the entire University population."

Junior nursing major Ginger Hodges had good reviews of the campus' online registration capabilities.

"I live off-campus so it's real convenient," Hodges said.

Junior Derrick Doyle

"Tutors are good," 25-year-old junior Derrick Doyle said of the University's educational assistance programs.

Junior biology major Bridget Levine expressed a similar satisfaction with the University but did have some minor complaints.

"Maybe they could extend their hours a little bit, like for the computer labs or health services," Levine said.

Levine also said that the University should do a better job of informing students of times and methods of procuring services like online registration and fee payments.

Like Hodges, Doyle also had some areas of dissatisfaction, "The notice of when the timeline is open for each classification hasn't ever really been clear to me," Doyle said.

Although most of the students interviewed said they were pleased with the University, others had complaints, most notably on student technology.

"Those technology fees are too high, and the Internet is too slow," junior psychology major Erica Davis said.

In addition to computer lab shortcomings, Davis, who is also a library desk worker, also mentioned technological glitches in the library's computer systems as well.

Davis finished with her personal insight into the school's self-professed motto of student importance.

"What is that little saying they have? The students come first? That ain't true. They (the administration) come first," Davis said.

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FEATURES

Turkey Lurkey Dee

Thanksgiving Day traditions, past and present

By Callie Reames
Sauce Reporter

Thankfulness and hunting are traits of Thanksgiving that have transcended the centuries and remain in society today.

"We're just thankful for our blessings," Jerry Lewis, a freshman elementary education major, said about his family's life status.

Lewis's parents are originally from Jamaica and return to the Caribbean island each Thanksgiving.

"We celebrate Thanksgiving a little different," Lewis said.

O'Dell Lee, a sophomore computer information systems major, said he is just thankful to be living.

"I'm doing more than some people are doing. I've got more than some people have," Lee said.

Food brings freshman Michael Bennet's family together each Thanksgiving.

"We just sit at the table and talk about what we're thankful for and stuff," Bennet, a freshman pre-physical therapy major, said.

Jamie Palmer is a freshman music performance major and plans to join the Army in January. He said that might make Thanksgiving different for his family, but their tradition is to visit his grandmother in Lafayette.

"She fattens us up," Palmer said. "We usually fry turkey and bake ham with coke and pineapple. And we usually go watch a movie."

Thanksgiving is about Thanksgiving Day dinner and killing potential dinner for Erin Sandoval and Nikki Morrison, both freshman elementary education majors.

"I go hunting with my dad and I spend time with my family," Sandoval said.

She said that in addition to eating all day long on Thanksgiving, she and her family watch football.

"I go shopping with my mom for those after Thanksgiving Day sales," Morrison said.

"And I also go hunting with my dad," Morrison said.

The feast that led to modern Thanksgiving took place in mid-October in 1621, and the party lasted three days. As many as 90 native Indians attended the festival and brought food to share.

The Pilgrims and Indians celebrated because the Pilgrims had acquired enough provisions to make it through the winter. The previous winter, which immediately followed their arrival in Plymouth, Mass., via the Mayflower, had been a struggle due to a lack of food.

That three-day celebration was never repeated. However, the Continental Congress and presidents periodically declared official days of Thanksgiving.

The Continental Congress announced a Thanksgiving in December of 1777 to celebrate victory over the British at Saratoga, and it was the first Thanksgiving Day proclaimed by a national authority. The Continental Congress declared Thanksgiving Days for the next seven years.

Various presidents, including George Washington, proclaimed one-time Thanksgiving Days during the next century, but it was not a permanent annual holiday until 1863.

Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving Day a national holiday in the 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The holiday fell on the last Thursday of each November. The last Thursday was occasionally the fifth week of November. The holiday was later changed to the fourth Thursday so it would not fall so close to the Christmas season.

Today's annual tradition of Thanksgiving was not officially established until Franklin D. Roosevelt set it as the fourth Thursday of each November in 1939. Congress approved it in 1941.

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Q&A: What are you doing for Thanksgiving?

Compiled by Glenn Tillman, Jr.

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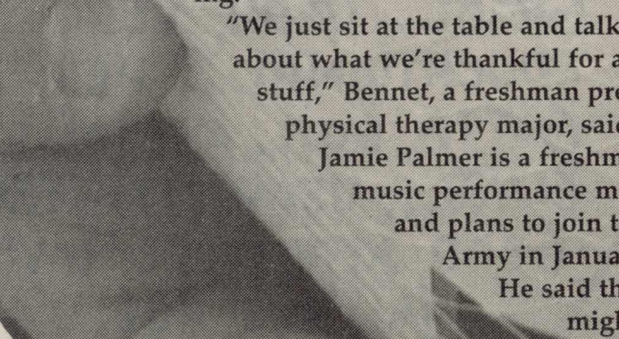
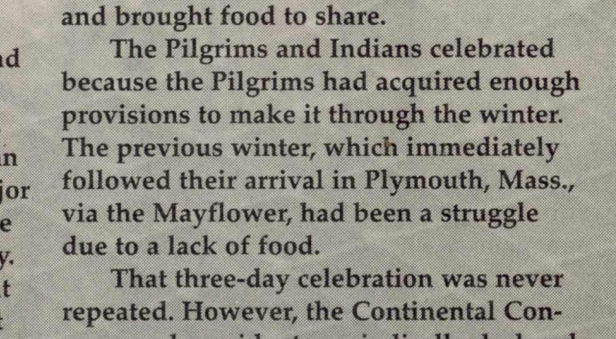


"We are going home to eat!"
-Catherine Stephens, Anitra Kimble and Lakisha Johnson



"We are going to spend time with family and friends."
-Krystal Pavloff and Amy Turner

"My family, every year during the Thanksgiving holiday, goes to Gulf Shores, Ala. and rents a condo."
-David Griffith and Tiffany Sinclair

'Black Friday': Madness after turkey and stuffing

By Kristen Dauzat
Life Editor

Thanksgiving day is a holiday to give thanks for the many blessings that we have in our lives. For many, the festive day is full of family gatherings, food and weight gaining.

However, shop-a-holics are quickly preparing for the next day. This day has became one of the most popular shopping days of the year. "Black Friday," or the day after Thanksgiving sale, has become more known each year as every new Christmas season unfolds.

According to Snopes.com, "Black Friday" got its name because it is the day retailers watch their balance sheets move out of the red and into the black. It is regularly cited as "the busiest shopping day of the year."

On this day, bargain hunters get in lines several hundreds of people long to stock up early for the Christmas season with impassable bargains. Lines outside begin to form as early as 4:30 a.m., and sometimes earlier.

Stores promise to open at hours as early as 5 a.m., offering "early bird specials" to the public. Supplies are limited, and sales usually last until 11 a.m.

Toys R Us, Kay Bee Toys and Wal-Mart are among the most popular places to begin the day, since they offer great prices on the hot items of the season.

Consumers are lured out of their homes early with door prizes and insane discounts.

For example, the department store Maison Blanche, which is now out of business, gave away Cracker Jack boxes while supplies lasted. The boxes each contained a coupon, which offered a discount off your entire morning's purchase.

Each year, Wal-Mart offers door busters such as televisions under $100, but they have a very limited supply. As soon as the doors open, shoppers run into the store. There is a stampede of people running straight toward the electronics department. Catfights have broken out over such great deals. One year, I watched a woman steal a Furby out of another person's basket.

Some of the hot items of the past have been, Tickle Me Elmo's, Furbys, Cabbage Patch Dolls, and Pokemon accessories. Beanie Babies were popular as well.

"Black Friday" does have its drawbacks. There are long lines, crowds, limited parking and, screaming children.

"I like saving money, just as much as the next person, but I wouldn't subject my self to such a crazy environment just to save a few bucks," sophomore Amanda Koob said.

On-line sites have also seen an increase in sales.

While some "Black Friday" goers get thrills, others prefer to do their shopping online and stay away from the stress.

"Black Friday" may be the day the greatest number of shoppers hit the malls, but in terms of dollars spent, Dec. 23 tops the chart.

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All signs point to dysfunctional

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in Chief

Thanksgiving dinner is upon us. Yes, the smells of turkeys baking in the oven, mom's famous pecan pie cooling on the table and the scent of our grandparents are all drawing very near.

Most of us students will do whatever we can to avoid having dinner with our families on Thanksgiving Day even if it means eating another wrap from Vic's. Planning a week-long trip to Las Vegas or saying you have a huge paper to turn in on the Monday following Thanksgiving break are just a few of the things we do to get out of eating platefuls of turkey and dressing.

Then there are those of us who cannot wait to go home and gorge ourselves full of turkey and dressing and pie. We will eat so much that all we can do is either nap away the pain of being full or just regurgitate.

But how do you know that you are having a Thanksgiving dinner with a functional family? With the help of the daytime talk show, (no, no the name of the show does not start with an "o") the *Current Sauce* will help you determine if your family is, in fact, functional. These signs are not backed by any scientific experiments or studies, but have been declared dysfunctional by me.

Your family is probably dysfunctional if...

1. a food fight breaks out after your dad asks for someone to pass the gravy. If there are any food fights that ensue at the family table during a time of thanks, then there may be some family tribulations that need to be worked out.

2. large amounts of alcohol were consumed so you can "make it through the meal." If you have to get lit to make it through Thanksgiving dinner something is wrong with you and or your family. Having some Wild Turkey is not the same as eating turkey with your family.

3. your uncle's wife, girlfriend and mistress all show up for dinner. Can you say catfight? Someone may have to leave so no one gets hurt.

4. your grandmother speaks of your 12-year-old cousin and uses the words *pregnant*, *baby's daddy* and *"8 Mile"* all in the same sentence. If you add some verbs, adjectives and other parts of speech to the fragmented sentence above, you will get the picture.

5. Uncle Frank has become life partners with Uncle Gary, not that there is anything wrong with that. It can go both ways, male or female.

6. after dinner you and your father watch "Back Door Sluts 9." A family event that is centered around pornography cannot suggest a healthy family relationship.

7. the family get together incorporates the word *conjugal*. Anytime you have to visit someone conjugally, the visit will probably be short and monitored.

8. you have to keep the children away from Uncle Chester. Repeat after me "My uncle will be over for Thanksgiving dinner, please stay out of the yard."

9. Aunt June is the only one going back for sevenths. Turkey is a rarity, but gluttony is a sin. Doublewides tend to tip if their weight is unbalanced.

10. the fine China used is a Dixie plate and the silverware is a Taco Bell spork. It's too hard to cut turkey with a spork.

I apologize to any of you who have at least 2 of the 10 signs; I know how it feels. Just think, after dinner, it will all be over.

Try these 5 stress-management techniques

By Tim O'Brien
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

"What do you consider the top or most important stress management and relaxation Techniques?"

People have asked me this question in various forms through every type of communication except smoke signals.

I would always answer. However, on reflection, I wasn't always consistent. So, I've thought about it seriously. I've read and researched. After 13 years of daily involvement with this topic, here are my top five techniques, and why they are so critical. The list is in descending order of importance.

1. Diet. In many ways, we are what we eat. Our body needs fuel to function. It needs it in a variety of forms that it can use to feed the process of continual renewal of cells. Dr. Barry Sears, author of the ``Zone Diet,'' states that macronutrients are 100 times more important than micronutrients. However, both are critical to our health. Macronutrients are proteins, carbohydrates, and fats. Micronutrients are vitamins, minerals, and trace elements.

When we eat a balanced diet of mildly restricted caloric intake, we increase our chances of having sustained health. Get to and maintain your ideal body weight and you potentially avoid many health problems that obesity causes.

2.Exercise. Research shows that an aerobically fit person has less than half the chance of developing heart disease than a sedentary person. And, heart disease is the No. 1 killer in the United States. Exercise also relieves tension, improves mental function, speeds up our metabolism and helps us sleep better. All of these benefits help reduce stress.

3. Proper breathing. Habituated breathing using the diaphragm rather than the chest has many direct benefits. It can lower blood pressure, reduce our heart rate and calm the mind. It is physiologically impossible to stay excited or angry when you maintain diaphragmatic breathing. This type of breathing is how a baby breathes. In our "stomach in, chest out" society, we've forgotten how to breathe correctly. And, now we pay for it in the form of overstimulation.

4. Restful sleep. Sleep is nature's top restorative activity. When we sleep better, we function better. Get enough restful sleep and it clears your mind, revitalizes your nerves, strengthens your immune system and increases your energy levels. Ritualize your routine for going to sleep. Protect your sleep time. This might also be the top overall time-management tool there is.

5. Accept full responsibility for your life and actions. Take control of your attitude and be an optimist. Look for and see the opportunity in every situation. Recognize and accept that you set your diet. The devil didn't make you eat the Twinkies. You let yourself eat them. You decide if, when, and how long you exercise. You can notice how you breathe and choose to do it correctly. You, in general, determine when you sleep. You decide how much you sleep. And, your actions determine how restful it is.

Stress management begins with a decision to take control of your life. It endures and succeeds by sticking to a systematic program that includes time-tested principles. And, you are the beneficiary of your efforts.

Make a commitment to yourself, and one other person, that you will begin today to lower the stress in your life.

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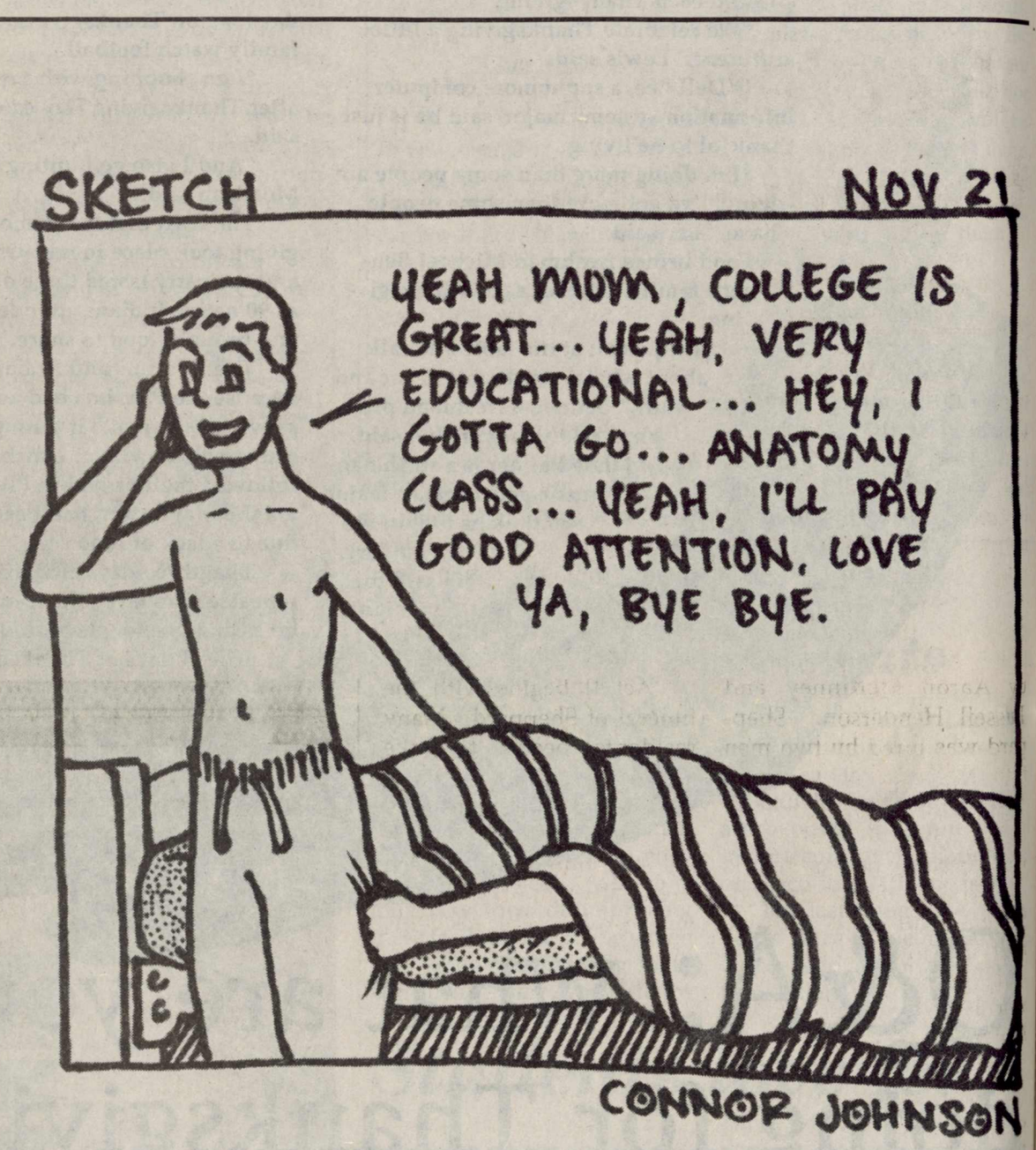

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why do you believe in God?

By Oliver Kaine

For those of you who aren't Jewish, did anyone believe in Santa Claus when they were kids?

I did. The man, who, if you were good, brought you presents, if you were bad, brought you nada...(Thanks Ms. Pratt, it's doing me good already!).

The only reason I knew about Santa Claus was because my parents told me about him. I never met him, never saw him, and though I did see his "helpers" at the mall, I had no concrete proof that he was real.

Oh...there were presents, and it did seem feasible since the phenomenon also happened to my friends, but no proof. It was all about faith.

I give props to my dad for explaining to me how Santa got into our trailer, since trailers don't have chimneys.

But anyway, the only reason I believed in Santa was because I was raised to believe in him. Had I been Jewish or a tribesman in the Kalahari, for instance, things would have been different. I would have believed in Hanukkah, or though knocking my front teeth out was a passage into manhood. I'm sure you already know where the rest of this is going.

Why do you believe in God? I was a Christian for 18 years and I never bothered to ask myself why I believed. Never questioned why some things in the Bible never made sense. The questions were always there I just ignored them. But those questions are not my point this time around.

My question is why do you believe? If I answer myself honestly it's because my parents told me God existed, because the people in my community told me he existed, even my friends said he existed, of course, they were told by their parents and their community.

When asked for proof they have none, except the dewdrop on a flower...it's a miracle!!...or "He answers my prayers" and when he doesn't "It's just part of his plan." You can't argue with fuzzy logic like that. It's like trying to tell the natives of Guayaquil back in the day that human sacrifices don't help crops grow..."It did last year"...and if it doesn't the gods must be angry..."I guess they want five humans and a goat this year instead of three humans and a chicken."

If God does exist, then where is my burning bush, my red sea that's parted, why haven't I heard of a preacher lately who was stuck in the belly of a whale?

I don't think anyone can honestly say that if they hadn't grown up where and how they grew up, that they would believe in God.

Anyone remember Zeus and the gang from fine arts...those silly Greeks, what a great myth...except at the time it wasn't a myth...they really believed init.

And what about those Native Americans? Thank God, the English landed on Plymouth Rock...what were those crazy natives doing taking those "legends" seriously.

All in all I'll admit I can't prove that God does not exist, but I can't prove that he does either.

Don't get me wrong; I don't think anyone is a fool for believing in God. Whatever gets you through the day, I say. Just don't expect me to join in your chorus of "Our God is an awesome God," because if he does exist I have problems with God.

If God does exist I don't know how perfect and all knowing he is, but that's a whole different discussion.

I have a lot more to say, but I don't really know how much space is allowed, so my email iskaine_is_great@hotmail.com. If you want to email me about this I'll be more than happy to respond...or the *Current Sauce* also has a nifty website with a forum for topics.

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Actors and actresses perform in "The Laramie Project."

Review: 'The Laramie Project'

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Laramie, Wyo. prides itself on the motto "Like No Place On Earth."

After the death of Matthew Sheppard, people begin to ask if the town is actually like every other place on the earth.

The play graphically describes the beating and killing of Matthew Sheppard by Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson. Sheppard was lured by two men into the east of Laramie. There he was tortured, beaten and tied to a split-rail fence because he was gay.

"The emotional and controversial affects of the play hit home for a lot of people and it made the outside world seem closer," Frank Muster III, freshman biology major, said.

The play was collaborated by Moises Kaufman and the members of the Tectonic Theatre Project. In a year-and-a-half, the group traveled to Laramie six times and conducted over 200 interviews with several residents, and the outcome of the play is each cast member does not have one role to play.

The NSU production of the play is set on a curvy, fence-like stage. The stage was set close to the audience, so actors could interact with everyone.

There are only eight people in the show, therefore costumes were kept with simple khakis and white shirts. This made it very easy for the eight cast members to change quickly into several different roles.

Act I begins with an introduction of Laramie, a small town like Natchitoches, where everyone knows each others business.

As Act I began to focus on Sheppard's death, Dr. Cantway, the doctor who had been working on Sheppard, issued a moving statement from the Sheppard family during the time of death that said, "Go home and give your kids a hug."

Act II begins with the funeral of Sheppard. Many residents began to take action on gay rights and also the exposure of many gay individuals in town.

An emotional speech from Patterson set the scene for many Laramie residents who were afraid to express being gay or stand up for their own gay rights.

The last scene rendered the verdict on McKinney and Henderson.

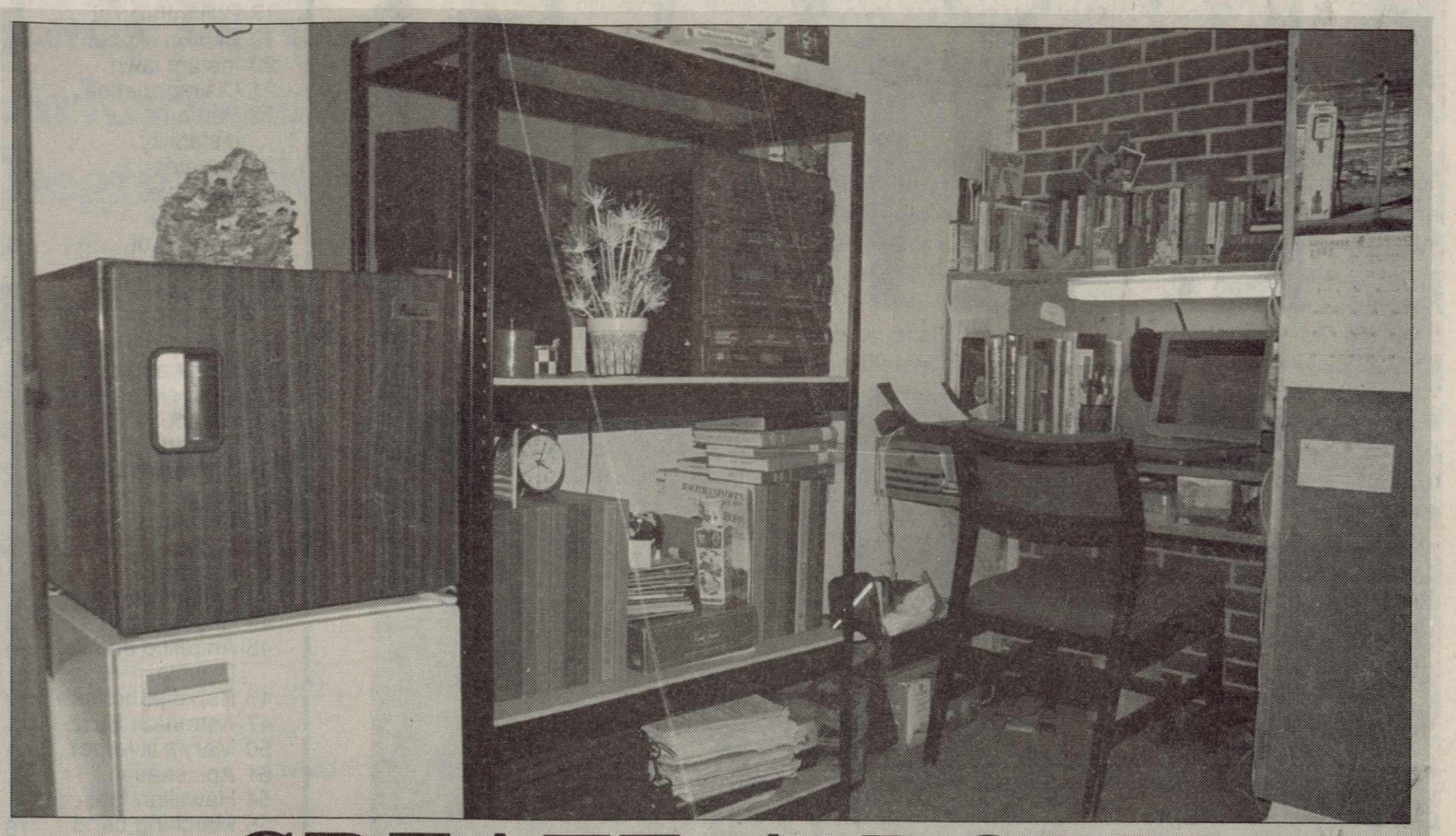
"It was an emotional roller coaster throughout the whole play. The entire cast did an awesome job of playing multiple characters," Selese McPhie, junior nursing major, said.

"The Laramie Project" is a play described by Scott Burrell, the director, as a play that sits on your mind.

"I wanted a play that applied to the real world, controversial, and appeals to the students," Burrell said.

This play explores many political, moral and emotional views of everyday life.

"I didn't know it was going to have such an emotional effect. Everyone has a little bit of Matthew in them, and it really is taken to heart," cast member Annie Fackler said.



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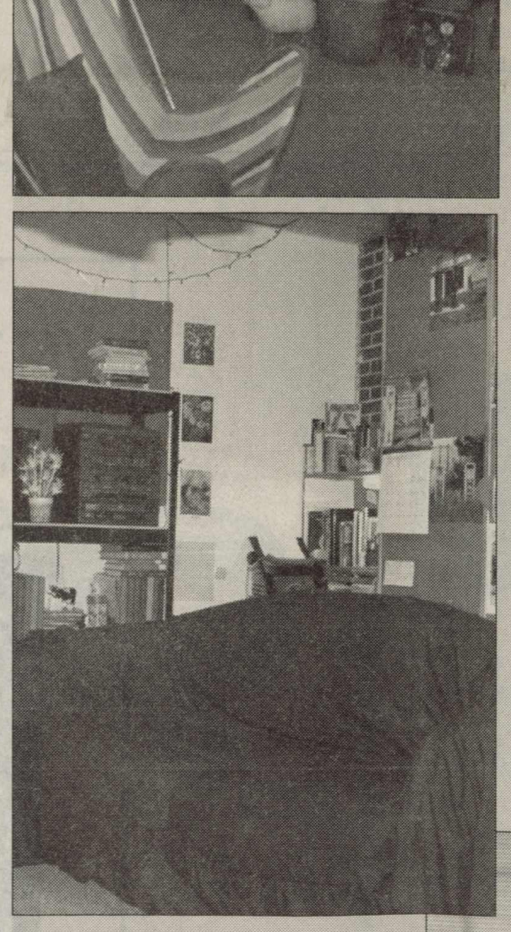

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Some creative decorating tips:
-Choose a theme.
-Less is more, don't clutter your space.
-Work with your roommate. Make it all flow together.
-Wal-Mart offers a variety of plastic storage options.
-Use bright, happy colors.
-Keep your room clean. It will help you appreciate all the hard work you put into decorating your room.

By Karen Patriquin
Sauce Reporter

A dull college experience can be easily changed. At least, the living in a dorm part.

At first glance, before making any personal touches, the average dorm room looks more like a prison cell.

"They are pretty much bare. The only thing in the room are two beds, two desks, two chairs, nightstands and a dresser. It's just bare. There is nothing," Resident Assistant Lindsay Yale of Varnado Hall said.

Get stylish. Get organized. Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond specialize in accessories made just for the dorm room. You can find small plastic boxes at any store. These provide extra room while not taking up a lot of space.

"I brought this little thing at Wal-Mart, put some clothes in it, because I didn't have enough space in my closet," freshmen Amanda Louviere of Dodd Hall said.

Shoe racks that attach your door or wall also maximize closet and floor space giving you extra room for clothes and book storage.

A filing cabinet is a good place to store old tests and valuables you might not want to be stolen.

"I can use it as a safety box too because it has a little key," freshman Samantha Ford, of Dodd Hall, said.

If you bed is movable try putting cinder blocks under it to give your bed an extra boost. This will leave you with some extra space under the bed to store things.

Choose a decorating theme. Once you have an idea of what you want your room to look like build on the idea from there.

Try cooperating with your roommate so the effect is consistent around the entire room.

"I have flowers, a poster of flowers, and then a vase of flowers." freshman Lacey Nobles said.

A rug on the floor will help prevent cold air from getting to your feet and can add some much needed color.

"They keep the room kind of warm and keeps the echo down," music major Mike Qaits of Sabine Hall said.

Painting walls is strictly prohibited by the Housing Department.

Instead, plaster your walls with pictures. Bright colors will bring the room to life. Use old magazines lying around to help create a unique look for your room.

"I cut out lots and lots of magazine pictures and words. It look a very long time. I wanted to be different," freshman Sarah Furr of Sabine Hall said. "Over the mirror we have a lot of strange pictures for a laugh in the morning."

Posters are a cheap inexpensive way to create a personal effect to the otherwise off white walls.

Pictures are another excellent way to keep family and friends close to your heart while you are away from home.

Curtains will add depth to your room while making the windows look nice. They also block unwanted sunlight

Glowing stars or a mobile will draw attention to the ceiling.

"I bought glow in the dark stars from Wal-Mart," junior resident of Varnado Hall Kathryn Hicks said.

Make your home-away-from-home comfortable and pleasant.

Study this: NSU Tutors help local students excel

By Rochelle Cooper
Sauce Reporter

Students at both Northwestern Middle School, and North Natchitoches Elementary School, can receive assistance from college students through NSU Tutors.

The president, Becky Owens, leads 30 volunteer NSU students who contribute their time each week to helping children in the community with their schoolwork.

The time donated each week varies from tutor to tutor. Tutors are able to work up to six hours a week. Other tutors, may choose to work as little as one hour. Any time put forth is valuable to any student who is in need.

The organization was originally started by Jean D'Amato, the faculty advisor, but was not recognized until last fall when Owens and friend Sarah Ferstel saw the need to promote the club more actively.

"Most students stay on-campus without any affiliation and don't contribute to the community," Owens said.

Owens said that she and Ferstel, presently studying abroad, originally wanted the club to provide students with an opportunity to be involved in the town of Natchitoches.

She also said that many students do not make a connection with the town and therefore do not ever feel like they are at home.

NSU Tutors gives them that opportunity.

The organization provides both fulfillment for Northwestern students and also the younger students being tutored.

NSU Tutors is entirely voluntary and unfunded, but has opened doors for other opportunities for its members. Some tutors have been offered jobs at the Boys and Girls Club. Also, some parents and teachers offer jobs to get their children more individualized help.

A year ago, services were provided for high school students, but there was never a good turn out.

Owens said that she found that there was more feedback with other schools, which made their services much more productive.

NSU Tutors provide services for Northwestern Middle School daily from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m.

North Natchitoches Elementary tutoring hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Other officers in the organization are vice president Justin Shatwell and secretary/treasurer Harlie O'Neal.

Further questions can be directed to Becky Owens at nsututors@hotmail.com

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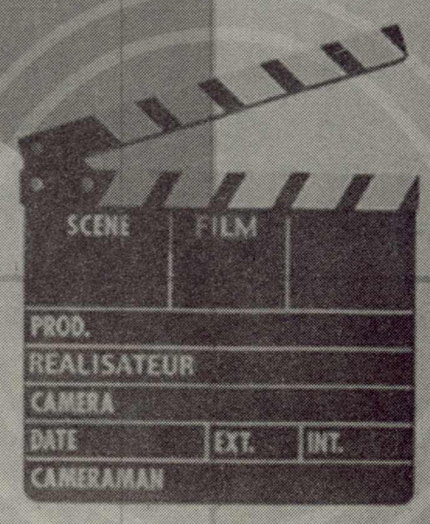

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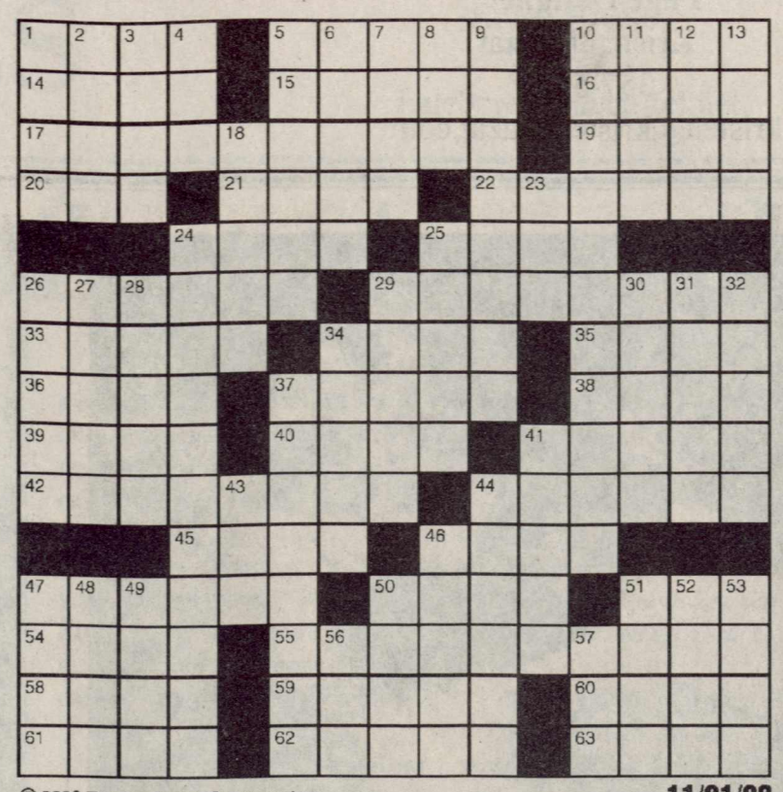

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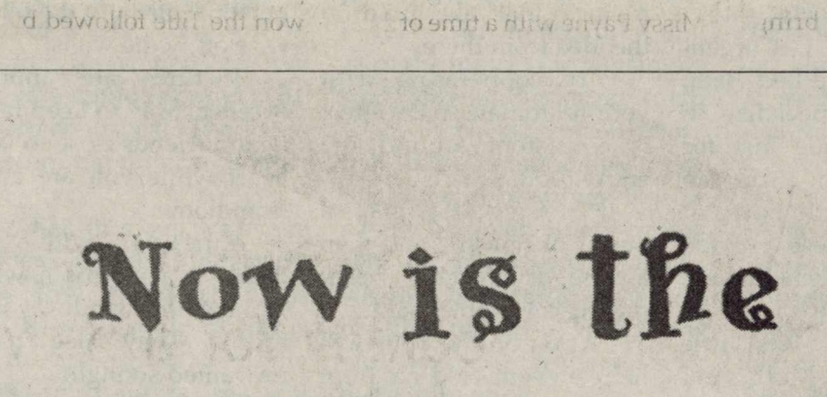

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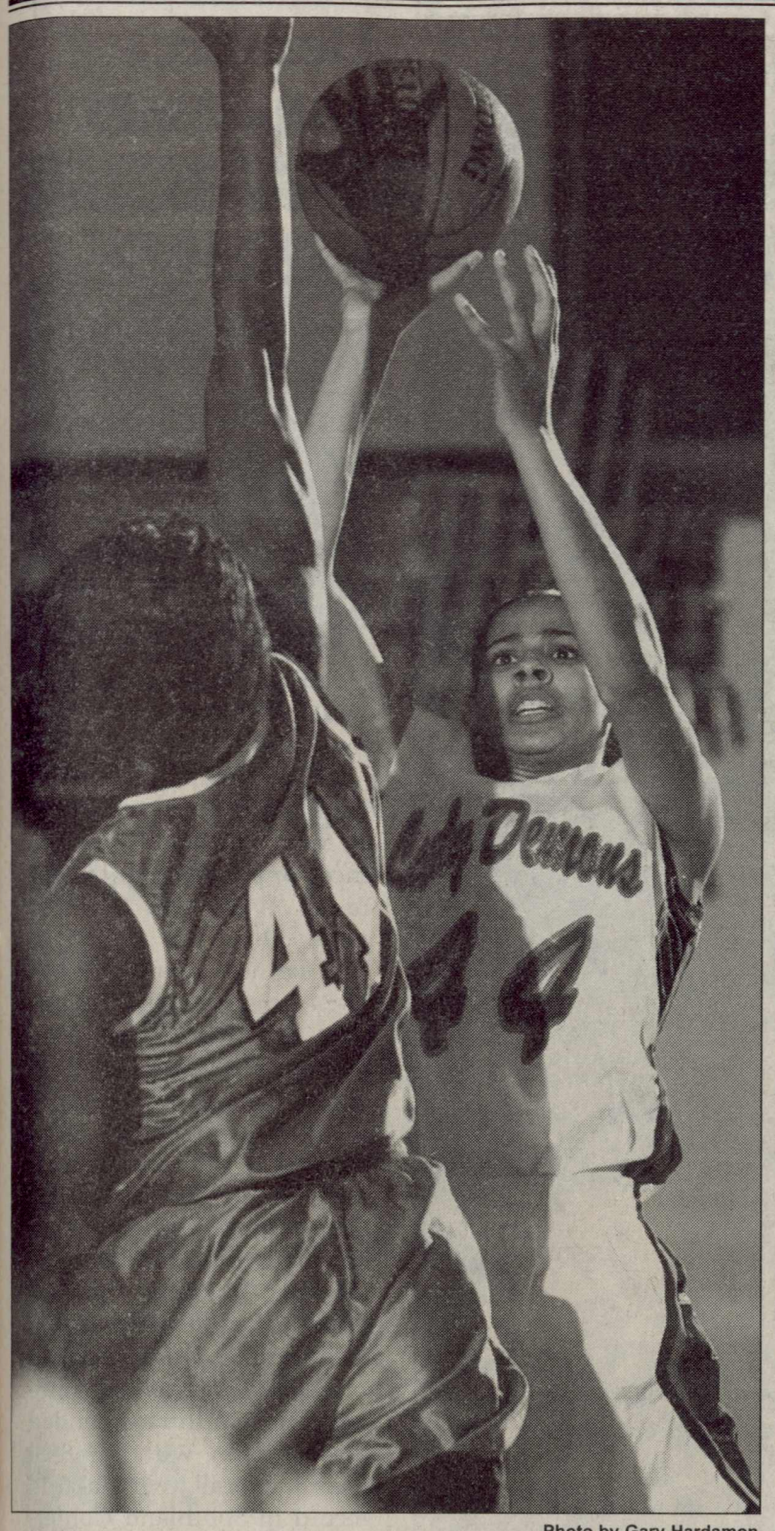

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Angela Davidson, last year's SLC Player of the Year, was named to the CLASS Watch list along with 30 other players from around the nation. Davidson and company took out the Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Balls, and they prepare to begin regular season against the Texas A&M Aggies on Saturday in Texas.

Lady Demons drop Arkansas, real season begins with A&M

Glenn Tillman, Jr.
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons picked all over the Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Balls on Monday night.

Once again, the demons put another opponent away with the Demon sleeper.

The lady demons were led by the reigning Southland Conference Player of the Year, Angela Davidson.

In addition to Davidson's SLC Player of the Year award, she was named to the CLASS Watch list. Davidson was one of the seniors to be named to the watch list.

Angela received the organizing committee attention by dropping 16.1 points a game and leading the lady demons to a 22-7 record.

Her loyalty, achievement, working towards a degree, good academic standing and great moral character also helped. Davidson has had other immediate worries, which was leading her team to victory.

She led all scorers with 15 points in just an impressive 21 minutes, leading the Lady Demons to a 75-59 victory over the Cotton Balls.

"We've got to be a whole lot better a week from tonight," said 16th-year head coach James Smith. "Having 22 turnovers in this kind of game is not good. We did shoot free throws well (21-24) but we didn't hit well from the floor (27-67, 40 percent)."

Davidson did not do it by herself.

Angela was given aid by the cast of the lady demons, including: Jarni Callias, Katrina Swanigan, and Katherine Grieder. These Demons combined for 24 points.

> *"We've got to be a whole lot better..."*
> **-Head Coach James Smith** about the team's performance Monday

The rest of the team made up the remaining 36 points and all 13 ladies scored.

This is only the preseason, but if they can keep focused, they can contend for the SLC championship

The lady demons must start focusing Monday in the season opener on the road against Texas A&M.

The Aggies are looking to start a new year with a new attitude.

With four returning starters, the Aggies are looking to become a contender for the Big 12 title. However, they must not get overconfident because the Demons are more than willing to bring their A game.

Demon soccer stopped by A&M

Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

If you are a single young woman 38-1 is an excellent ratio of men to women. If you're a women's soccer team 38-1 is a horrible ratio of your opponent's shots on goal to your shots on goal.

Unfortunately, the Demon soccer team was playing in the NCAA college cup and not hitting up the local single bars this weekend in College Station, Texas.

NSU's opponent, fourth-ranked Texas A&M annihilated the Demons 8-1 and allowed only one Demon attempt at scoring while the Aggies managed to blast off 38 shots scoring six times 15 minutes into the first half. A&M added two more in the first half providing the Aggies with a lead as comfortable as a QVC vibrating chair.

Demon head coach Jimmie Davis spoke about his team's defeat, "They scored a few goals early and our girls were back on their heals a little. But, we talked at halftime and said we would go out and play our hardest in the second half, and we did that."

Despite the first round defeat, Mitchell remained optimistic about his team's achievements, "Our girls have worked through a lot this season and have accomplished more than anyone thought they would," Mitchell said.

2002 saw the Demon's overcome the adversity of several late-season injuries to win the Southland Conference championship. By winning the SLC Championship NSU earned its second-ever appearance in the NCAA College Cup.

The Demons will lose only three seniors this year and Mitchell is looking to build off the experience of his core of 15 freshmen and sophomores, "We know we will be back in this situation (College Cup) again and we will handle it better after going through it this season."

Lady cross country finishes 17th

Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demon cross country team finished 17th at the 2002 South Central Cross Country Regional while the Demon track team did not place in the overall team competition.

Missy Payne ran the 6000-meter course with a time of 24:08 placing 91st leading all Lady Demon competitors. Margeaux Fisher followed leading runner Missy Payne with a time of 24:39 to finish 107th.

Finishing respectable for the Lady Demons were Jill Schenk at 111th, Abigail Salomom at 113th, Peggy Hill at 116th and Christy Stone at 124th.

Noah Murgor ran the 10,000-meter course in 32:44, good enough for 55th while fellow competitor Jonah Chelimo was 61st in 32:56. Chris Groome ran strong and finished 116th for the Demons.

NSU Lady Demons had 468 points overall while Arkansas won the Title followed by Texas then Texas A&M.

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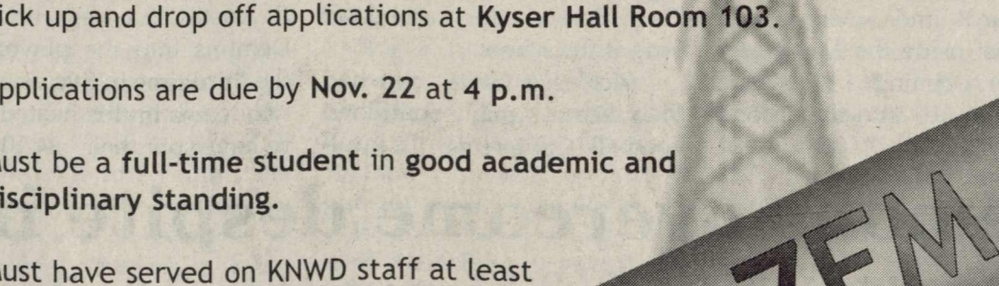

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First quarter, second down, Demons stop the Cowboys on their touchdown drive and are forced to settle for a field goal. McNeese ultimately won against Northwestern.

Cowboys rope Demons, big chief up for grabs

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

A crowd of 17,031 at Turpin Stadium watched in shock as the McNeese State Cowboys overwhelmed the Northwestern State Demons 27-3.

The crowd was the second-largest in 26 seasons at Turpin Stadium, surpassed only by the 17,538 who watched the 2000 game between NSU and Southern University.

Temporary seating and bleachers at the end of the end zones helped expand the 15,971 seats at Turpin Stadium contributing to the large number of fans able to watch the game Saturday.

The Cowboys won for the first time in Demon territory since 1996, snapping a 2-year 9-game home winning streak. The blowout win for the Cowboys was the largest margin of victory in the series in five years.

The last four meetings were decided by one touchdown or less.

The NSU high-powered offense was stuffed by the Cowboys hard-hitting defense.

The Cowboys held Northwestern to just 164 total offensive yards and never let the Demons inside the McNeese's 40 after opening a 17-3 lead three minutes into the second half of play.

The Cowboys out gained the Demon's 348-164 total yards in a dominating performance.

"The offense is hard to explain, haven't executed to well," third string running back Jomaine Sanders said. "Everything that is wrong we are working hard making it better for this week."

The Demon offense sputtered for the second straight game netting only 34 yards rushing against the Cowboys.

Demon quarterback Kevin Magee threw for 130 yards on 13-32 passes with three interceptions as the Cowboy secondary stifled the passing lanes.

"We didn't play well against McNeese," Head Coach Scott Stoker said. "Our immaturity is showing on offense, and they have one of the best defenses in the conference."

NSU senior linebacker Kurt Rodriguez led the Demon defense in tackles but could not stop the late 10-point fourth quarter by the Cowboys giving them the blowout win.

Rodriguez had 12 tackles in the losing effort raising his career total to 399 and overtaking three-time All-American Gary Reasons for second all time at the school.

McNeese State clinched their second straight Southland Football Conference Championship with the win and improved to 9-1 overall, 5-0 in SLC play. The Demons, falling for the second straight game, fall to 8-3 overall and 3-2 in SLC.

The Demons tumble to No. 12 in the Sports Network media poll and slip to No. 14 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Top 25 while the Cowboys move up to the No. 1 spot in both major polls while

Up next for the Demons is Stephen F. Austin, and the annual "Battle for Chief Caddo," the largest trophy in college football. Chief Caddo is a 7-foot, 6- inch, 320-pound statue of an Indian chief who is standing guard in the Demon Field House.

"They are a real good team, a lot riding on this game," senior receiver Freddie Harrison said.

This game is for Big Chief and if we go home at Thanksgiving or not. Also if seniors go home or keep playing."

NSU is hoping to halt a two game losing skid and find their offenses rhythm again. Stoker gave his players Sunday and Monday off giving the Demons fresh hopes for the up coming game.

A 31-17 win over Stephen F. Austin last year lifted the Demons into the playoffs for the third time in five years. The two teams in this heated rivalry have split their last 10 meetings.

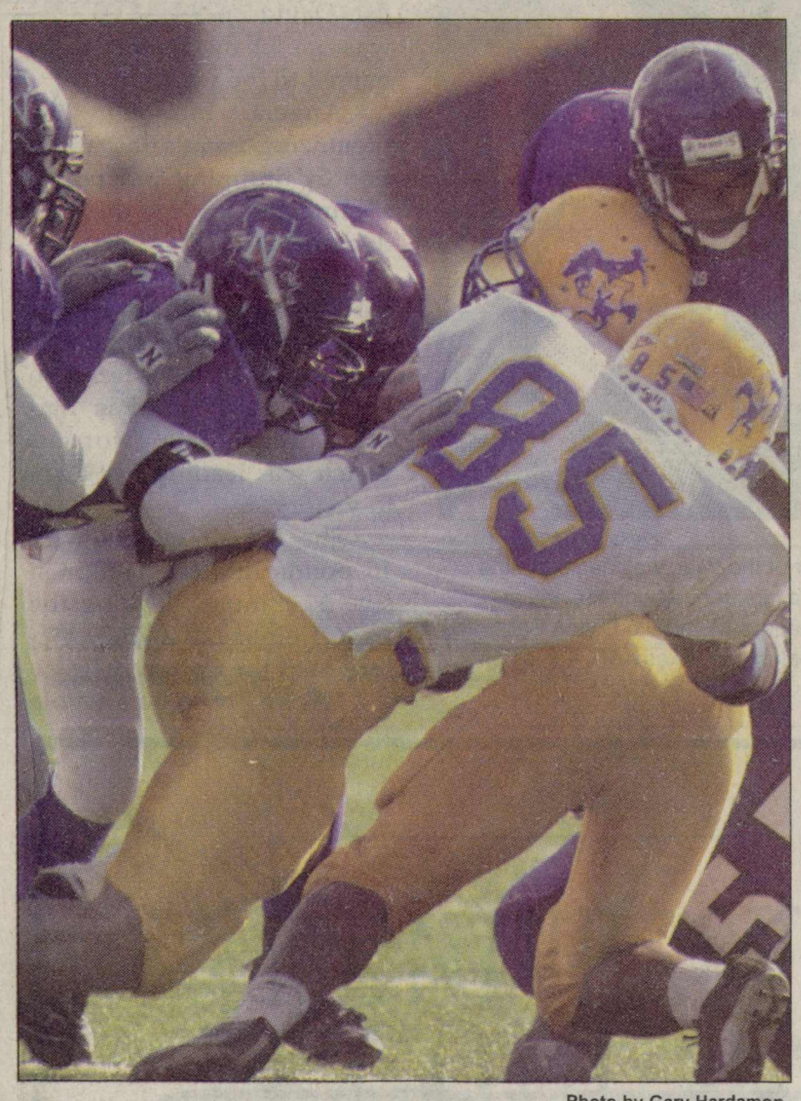

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demons and Cowboys collide on the field of Turpin Stadium last Saturday. Demons play Stephen F. Austin for Chief Caddo Saturday in Nacogdoches. The game is the last of the regular season games.

The Demons and Lumberjacks face off this Saturday afternoon at 4 pm in Nacogdoches, Texas with the Demons playoff hopes resting on the outcome of this game.

"We need to win this game to make the playoffs," defensive back Justin Brown said. "A must win for our seniors and our team.

Demon volleyball ends dismal season

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demons wrapped up the 2002 volleyball season this weekend, losing consecutive games to Southwest Texas and University of Texas at San Antonio.

The weekend capped a seven game losing skid, and ended NSU's season at 11-25 overall, with a 3-17 record in Southland Conference play.

The Demons traveled to San Marcos, Texas on Friday to face Southland Conference opponent Southwest Texas. NSU lost the first game 30-16, but rallied to win the next two 31-29 and 30-24, respectively. Southwest Texas then defeated the Demons 30-16 and 15-7 in the next two games.

Beth Freeland contributed 16 kills and 14 digs, with junior outside setter Becky David also contributing 17 digs and 10 kills.

The Demons played their final game of the season on Saturday, facing the University of Texas at San Antonio. The Roadrunners ended their season with an 8-24 record overall, with a 6-14 record in Southland Conference play.

The loss completed coach Leigh Davis' inaugural season at the helm of Northwestern's volleyball team.

It was the final game of senior outside hitter Christina Stone's volleyball career, who finished with 11 kills and 16 digs. She ended her career as the school's career leader in digs with 1,150, and as the second best in kills with 1,246. Stone's 415 digs this seasons rank as the second best in school history.

The Demons will miss the Southland Conference playoffs this year. Still, even after what many consider to have been a dismal season, the Demons still managed to improve upon last year's record of 6-23 overall, with a record of 2-18 in the Southland Conference.

Demons overcome despite inexperience

Youth and lack of playing time has not sidelined the Demon's success on the court

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

With two exhibition wins under their belt, NSU's men's basketball team is ready to take on the regular season in a way they never have before.

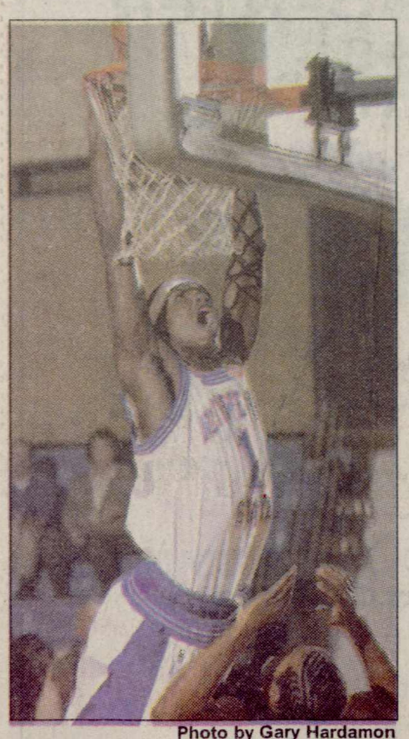

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Spencer goes up and over a defender for the slam. The NSU men's team is a youthful one this season.

Over the past week, the Demons played and won exhibition games against Ouachita Baptist and the University of Arkansas-Monticello.

Against Ouachita Baptist the Demons gave up 26 turnovers and, at one point, went under by 15 points. However, late in the second quarter they found the opportunities to change their luck.

With the assistance of first-year-player Tyrone Mitchell's 12-point game total, the Demons would find a way to pull within six points by half time. Then with one second left on the clock Mitchell would sink two free throws to win the game by putting the Demons on top 55-53.

"That was the first game I've seen youth being such a factor," Head Basketball Coach Mike McConathy said.

McConathy said he took the team back for a few 'simple mentality' practices to get together passing and shooting techniques.

"We have to learn not to take the simple things for granted," McConathy said.

Monday night's win against Arkansas-Monticello came a little easier for the Demons as they led UAM in shooting percentage 42% to 37%.

Jermaine Spencer, another Demon rookie, would aid in the outscoring and outrebounding of UAM with his 17 points and 11 rebounds of the game.

By half time, the Demons were ahead 36-21 and at the end of the game they had won 66-59.

With such wins, one might think that the Demons have incorporated star players into their lineup. However, this season's team is Division I's youngest and least experienced team. Mitchell and Spencer are only two of NSU's 12 first-year players.

"These guys have been blessed with the opportunity of getting game time without having to wait," Assistant Coach Mark Slessinger said.

Slessinger also said each player is blessed with the ability to build a special bond with the players he may play with throughout his college career. With only two upperclassmen on the team, the newcomers may have a stiff competition against one another for playtime during the games.

"Competition is a good thing," McConathy said. "It makes the guys work harder to play."

Although Mitchell and Spencer seem to have dominated in the first two exhibition games, it may be difficult to pick out who would stand out from the rest.

"Each player has shown flashes of brilliance through the games and practices," Slessinger said. "They have all earned their time on the court."

Still with so much youth on the team, it may be difficult to choose who gets to play, but as Coach McConathy said, "It's not who starts the game, but who finishes it."

Upcoming Northwestern Athletic Events

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Saturday, 4 p.m.

M. Basketball: At Univ. New Mexico
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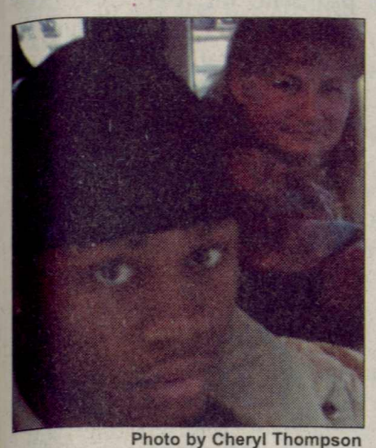

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NSU shuttle driver Melinda (background) Cheatwood begins her morning by picking up freshman Sidney Bazley.

NSU's own shuttle pilot

By Linda D. Held
Sauce Reporter

Looking for that friend that always has time to give you a lift to class?

Meet NSU Demon shuttle driver Melinda Cheatwood.

Cheatwood started out as Butch Crowder's, the orginal driver, substitute and was

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SGA cancels meeting

By Garrett Guillotte
Managing Editor

The SGA senate's Monday meeting time collided with two fraternity meetings, causing business to be put off until next week's SGA Christmas banquet.

SGA Vice President Jennifer Jensen said Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Phi meetings, set for the same time as the Senate meeting, forced too many senators to be absent.

"It was a conflict of interest, I guess," Jensen said.

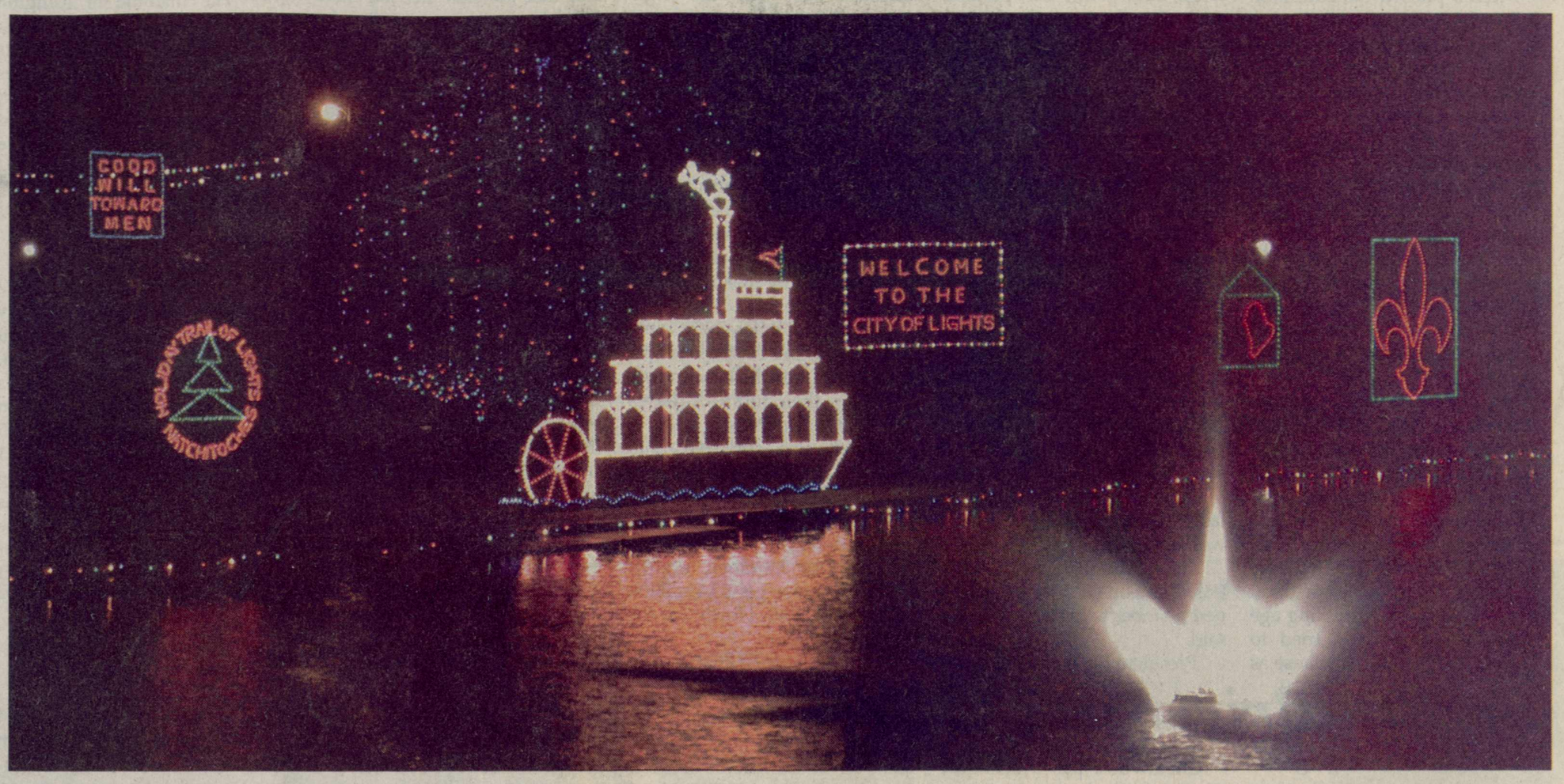
The most ambitious bill postponed would have changed nine senator-at-large seats to college and department seats.

Students would elect members of their own colleges or departments, rather than members of the general student body or students' classifications, to become senators.

Other bills expressed interest in paving a walkway from married student housing to clothes washing machines, the placement of suggestion boxes across campus, and the training of new senators by veteran senators.

Discussion on the removal of senators Taylor Morgan, Jared Hewitt, Elizabeth Hughes and Adam Allen was also put off until next week's banquet.

The SGA senate's Christmas banquet is to be held at the Trail Boss steakhouse, located at 301 Hwy. 1 South, on Monday at 7 p.m.



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Traditional Festival of Lights decorations line the banks of the Cane River Lake across from Front Street Wednesday evening, with the lake's lighted fountain in the foreground.

Festival of Lights gears up for Saturday

By Sauce Staff

Natchitoches kicks off the Christmas season with the 76th Annual Christmas Festival on and around the riverfront this weekend.

The highlights of the Festival include a lighted boat parade, a daytime float parade and the lighting of the riverbank lights with fireworks display.

The lighted boat parade is set to roll at 6 p.m. on Cane River Lake along the Riverfront, which is seasonally called "Santa Claus Lane." Parade directors expect 12 to 15 boats to participate, a number that continues to grow every year. The cold weather does nothing to deter numbers, either.

"You jus get out there and freeze your butt off," Lori Tate, parade director, said.

The parade will be judged by 2002 Miss Merry Christmas Morgan Cedars and the Christmas Belles. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best decorated boats.

This year Home and Garden Television will be in Natchitoches to film the entire Festival for a later broadcast on the domestic-issue network, according to Tate.

The Festival officially starts on Saturday with the parade following in this years' theme "Spirit of '76: A Veteran's Christmas." Grand Marshal Maj. Gen. Ansel Stroud will lead the way down the parade route which will make it's way to Front Street at 1 p.m.

Stroud is a decorated veteran of the United States Coast Guard and has been decorated with such honors as the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Stroud served his country proudly for over 50 years and retired in 1997.

Saturday evening will be the official opening of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival, with the lighting of some 300,000 lights, including a new set piece dedicated to the bicentennial salutation of the Louisiana Purchase.

Because the Festival planners expect at least 100,000 visitors to attend the festivities on Saturday, entry into the event could prove to be tricky.

Advance sale tickets are available at Causey's Pharmacy, Campus Corner and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are$ 3 in advance for adults 12 and over and $1 for children 11-6. Children under six are admitted free. Tickets on Saturday will be available at the gated entrances to Front Street at $5 for adults and $1 for children.

The Natchitoches Police Department will be monitoring the Festival for safety purposes. It is illegal for any persons to have open alcohol containers on Festival Day on any public property in the Historic District.

In addition to the over 100 city officers, the Louisiana National Guard will be providing up to 150 personnel for various crowd control issues and general Festival safety.

It had been said that in the past the city pool was emptied and inebriated persons were stored in the pool until proper booking could be conducted.

"We only empty the pool halfway," Natchitoches Police Chief Ralph Peters said jokingly about the rumors. "We have 10 men with dogs and shotguns guarding it, too."

In all actuality, police only used the bathhouse next to the pool. According to Peters, when intoxicated Festivalgoers got to be too many for officers to deal with immediately, they were arrested and stored in the bathhouse to sober up and eventually be booked and/or transported to the parish detention center.

Saturday night, following the official opening ceremonies will be a fireworks display. Fireworks will continue to be displayed every Saturday night through the first week of January and New Year's Eve, along with live entertainment.

The Northwestern State University Christmas Gala is also scheduled for Saturday night with performances at both 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

For additional ticket or festival information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (318) 352-6894, the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission at (800) 259-1714 or visit www.christmasfestival.com.

Festival of votes? Runoff also Saturday

By Sauce Staff

Saturday Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu will face Republican Suzanne Haik Terrell in the only undecided Senate race.

Under Louisiana's Constitution if no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the top two candidates enter a runoff race.

Landrieu received 46 percent of the vote while Terrell received 27 percent in the November election. However, if the votes for all Republican candidates were added up they would have 51 percent.

File Photos

Democratic incumbent Sen. Mary Landrieu faces off against Republican Suzanne Terrell Saturday.

Landrieu and Terrell have faced off on several televised debates and on NBC's *Meet the Press*. Landrieu has moved from the left closer to the political center since she was elected six years ago. Throughout the first part of the campaign Landrieu tried to show how she worked with President Bush by voting with him 74 percent of the time.

However, in the second half of the campaign Landrieu has tried to distance herself by accusing Terrell of being a "rubber stamp for the President" on *Meet the Press*.

The candidates agree on many issues like the war on terrorism and Iraq, and increased funding for the military. Both Landrieu and Terrell oppose Bush's tariff on imported steel, which has threatened the jobs of 4,000 dock workers in New Orleans. Landrieu and Terrell also oppose allowing Mexico to export more sugar to the U.S., as sugar cane is a major cash crop in Acadia country.

Landrieu has sought the collegiate vote by proposing the Single Lender Rule this summer. This law, if passed, would allow students to renegotiate their loans for the best possible rate after they graduated.

"Banks have lobbied against the Single Lender Rule because they don't want people to consolidate loans and save money," Landrieu's legislative director Jason Mathews said.

Mathews explained that next year the issue would be taken up again as part of the Congress's review of its educational laws. He also stressed the work Landrieu did in crafting the No Child Left Behind legislation and how it is based on Louisiana's model.

"We put a lot of time and effort into worrying about issues

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NSU22 weekend forecast

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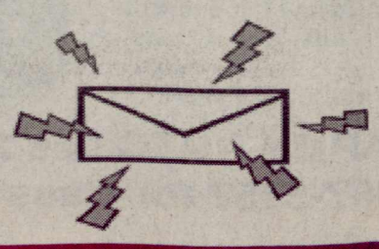

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Landrieu, Terrell race close in polls

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of education in Louisiana," Mathews said.

Terrell praised the education bill, which raises school standards and provides funds for failing schools, but criticized Landrieu for not making the Louisiana system compatible with the Federal system of accountability.

Of more interest to college students is the case of second-class citizens in the U.S. Mathews said Landrieu identifies with 18-21-year-olds who can fight in the army, be prosecuted as an adult and even vote in elections, but cannot enjoy alcohol in a responsible manner.

"Those issues were legitimate state issues and shouldn't be regulated by the Federal government. She [Landrieu] voted to let states determine drinking age," Mathews said.

Current federal law says that states can set the drinking age, but in order to receive federal highway funds the drinking age must be 21. Landrieu tried to remove the 21-year-old clause as a requirement for receiving federal funds but failed.

When Terrell's office was questioned about her position, the office had to check with Washington officials.

Landrieu voted against increasing penalties for drug offenses. The legislation from 1999 would have targeted the "manufacturing or trafficking of amphetamines & methamphetamines and possession of powder cocaine, and set stronger penalties for dealing drugs," according to www.issues2000.org.

Neither Landrieu nor Terrell has forgotten about Natchitoches as they head into the home stretch. On Nov. 22, Landrieu spoke briefly to the Police Jury Association about the parishes she carried and asked for their support.

Yesterday, Terrell had a breakfast fundraiser at the Landing with about 25 people.

"It is critical to give George Bush someone who will be a valued member to his team," Terrell said.

President Bush gave speeches in Shreveport and New Orleans on Tuesday, where he praised Terrell's dedication and proclaimed she was the right woman for the job.

"She's the kind of person with whom I can work to get something done for Louisiana and the people of Louisiana," Bush said.

Landrieu supports Bush's tax cut but wants to wait until the economy is stronger before making the tax cut permanent.

Terrell wants to spur the economy forward by making the tax cuts permanent.

"Because it'll help our economy, it'll help our business people be able to plan their businesses and plan their futures," Terrell said on *Meet the Press*.

Terrell also criticized Landrieu for not making more headway on the completion of I-49 North and South.

Mark Mintz, a campaign manager for Landrieu, argued that the senator got $5.4 million to expand I-49 North to the Arkansas border.

Mintz explained that part of the problem was the state not having the available matching funds to complete the project, and that the state needed more federal money.

Landrieu also realized that seniors need more when they are on fixed budgets. Before the first election Landrieu repeatedly disagreed with her Republican contenders saying that she thought a 3 percent raise for Congress and a 1.6 percent raise for Social Security recipients was fair. However, after being forced into a runoff Landrieu changed her mind and voted for a doomed amendment to not raise her salary.

But the candidates differ about how to protect Social Security for the future. Landrieu explained Monday in a debate that a small portion of funds should be invested in index funds. Landrieu explained that as state treasurer she was able to increase funds while not exposing them to much risk.

Terrell supports letting individuals invest a small portion of their social security in stocks, bonds, or other investments.

Shuttle driver works to keep NSU moving

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eventually made full time driver when Crowder retired his keys last year

Cheatwood had originally scheduled to take classes at NSU in early childhood education, but didn't go through with them when her husband decided they couldn't afford to not have her working.

Cheatwood doesn't really mind not being in class. When she isn't busy driving, Cheatwood sits out by the stadium waiting to offer rides to commuters or passes the time reading.

The shuttle runs Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. However, it's not uncommon to see Cheatwood out late. She has one regular rider that is in class until 3:45 p.m.

Cheatwood has a schedule of physically impaired riders, so during the day if you can't find her at the stadium she is outside of Kyser Hall waiting for her regulars to get out of class.

"I don't like to keep them waiting," Cheatwood said.

But between her regular pick-ups, she is more than happy to pick up anyone on campus who just looks like they could use a ride.

Still, some days Cheatwood gets turned down.

"On sunny days when it's nice weather hardly anybody wants a ride. They'll say 'I'm straight.' That's their word. So then I usually just park and save the gas," Cheatwood said.

Before shuttle driver, Cheatwood was an office manager at Cane River Children's Service. The service and NSU Head Start Center called to offer her jobs after she started with the shuttle, but Cheatwood turned them down to continue driving.

Being a gracious hostess of the road, Cheatwood keeps her van stocked with current exam schedules, registration schedules. She even goes to the Scantron-giveaways on Mondays to stock up for students in wheelchairs that can't always get to the Student Union.

Meeting all the students has been the best part of the job, Cheatwood said. And on any given day Cheatwood meets a lot of students.

"Yesterday I picked up 49. Today I picked up over 50," Cheatwood said. "I think the highest day was over 60. That's the most I've picked up in one day."

With the number of different students that have come through her van, Cheatwood is interested in just how many students at NSU have taken a ride in the shuttle since she's been here.

"I would be curious to know at graduation or anytime the whole class is together how many people rode the shuttle bus," Cheatwood said.

NSU Police Blotter

■ On Nov. 22 at 2:15 a.m. Campus Police received a call from the University Columns about a crowd of people making lots of noise. Two units arrived on the scene, and the call was logged.

■ At 4:06 a.m. Sabine front desk called reporting four black males, one wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, running through the halls banging on doors. An officer arrived on the scene, but the suspects were gone on arrival.

■ On Dec. 1 at 12:28 p.m. a student in the Columns to report a broken window in his car. The student reported that his car had been vandalized. The report was logged.

■ At 3 p.m. a burglary was reported in the Columns. The report was logged.

■ On Dec. 2 at 10:49 a.m. student fell down in the faculty parking lot next to Fournet Hall. An ambulance was called and the incident was logged.

■ At 8:16 p.m. TKEs called reporting a fight outside of their house on Greek Hill. An officer responded to the call, but the suspects were gone on arrival.

■ At 9:46 p.m. University Police and NPD caught a student in the Columns with an open container of alcohol. The student who was also driving at the time, was advised to empty the container. NPD gave the driver a verbal warning and the incident was logged.

■ On Dec. 3 at 12:52 p.m. Campus Police and the nurse responded to a medical emergency in 108 Kyser Hall. A student passed out twice, but refused medical attention. The nurse went to Kyser to check on the girl anyway. NPH was contacted, and the student was taken to the hospital. At 2:55 p.m. the student contacted the Campus Police requesting a ride home from the hospital.

■ At 9:22 a student requested an officer concerning a theft. An officer arrived on the scene to take a report. No charges were pressed, but the police did go to Sabine Hall to make contact with the suspected subject. The subject was not found.

■ On Dec. 4 at 2:56 a.m. a student called about a downed power line that was on his truck. The power plant was called and the utility department arrived to remove the line. No damages were reported to the truck.

Campus Connections

Latter-day Saints

The Institute of Religion of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holds weekly scripture study classes in Room 316 of the Student Union every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Josh at 318-590-1812.

Delta Kappa Gamma

Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society announces the Catherine and Mary Winters Scholarship. Full-time women students pursuing an NSU degree in education with a minimum 3.0 GPA, attending in fall 2003 and at least juniors in spring 2003, are eligible. Applications are available on request at the Office of Alumni Affairs. For more information, contact Barbara Laborde at 318-352-5918.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Spanish Club

Just a reminder: The Spanish Club will be distributing the Christmas presents for the Toys for Tots program on Dec. 14. Any member interested in being on either one of the committees should contact his or her class representative or Dr. Pratt in 314 E Kyser Hall or by phone at 357-5590. Also, our end-of-semester fiesta will be held Dec. 11 from 3 p.m. 4 p.m. in 341 Kyser.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings are held in Russell Hall in Room 213 every Monday at 12 p.m. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Fine Art Exhibits

On Jan. 27, 2003, in Magale Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m., Louisiana Tech photography professor Dean Dablow will present a slide talk. He is the curator of an exhibition in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery on display from Dec. 2 to Feb. 1.

Student Media

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, will discuss Press Freedom of Student Journalists at 10:20 a.m. Friday in 107C Kyser Hall. Everyone is invited.

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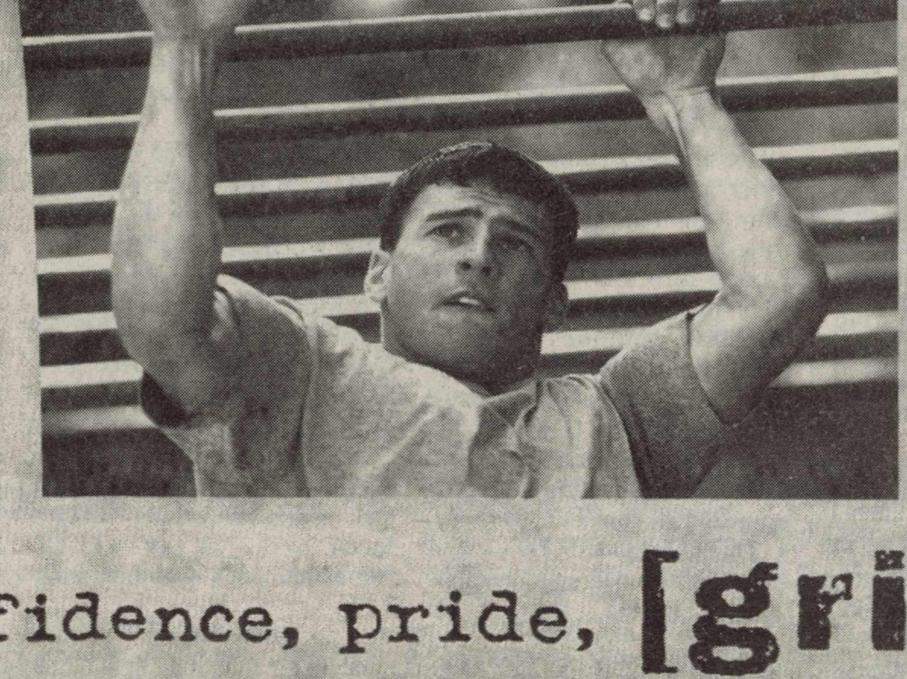

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University filters e-mails with certain attachments, reduces virus spread

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

The University e-mail system has recently been filtering certain types of attachments in order to reduce the spread of computer viruses on campus.

Questions have risen about what kinds of problems this could create for students and faculty members.

According to Information Systems Systems Administrator Tim Chadbourne, the new filtering system was implemented with the past epidemic of the Klez computer virus.

Klez began infecting numerous computers on campus, and the University's user support staff found it difficult to handle so many cases. The University then adopted the Microsoft policy that lists the file extensions that are considered unsafe as e-mail attachments.

A file extension is three or four letters at the end of a filename that defines what type of file it is.

Filtering file extensions has proven to be an effective way to control the spread of computer viruses.

"It has cut down viruses by half," Chadbourne said.

Despite the obvious benefits of the system, it still inconveniences students and faculty who want to send these certain types of attachments via e-mail. Chadbourne offered a solution.

"Those files can still be sent, but their extensions must be changed. Just rename the file extension, and tell the person who receives it to rename it back," Chadbourne said.

For example, a file may be named file.exe. The person wanting to send the file could name it to file.xyz, and it will be permitted to pass through the e-mail system. The person who receives it must rename it back to file.exe in order to open it.

Filtered file extensions list

Extension	File type	Extension	File type
.ade	project	.msi	Microsoft Windows Installer package
.asx	Windows Media Audio / Video	.msp	Microsoft Windows Installer patch
.bas	Microsoft Microsoft Access project extension	.mst	Microsoft Windows Installer transform, Microsoft Visual Test source file
.adp	Microsoft Access Visual Basic class module		
.bat	Batch file	.pcd	Photo CD image; Microsoft Visual compiled script
.chm	Compiled HTML Help file		
.cmd	Microsoft Windows NT Command script	.pif	Shortcut to MS-DOS program
.com	Microsoft MS-DOS program	.prf	Microsoft Outlook profile settings
.cpl	Control Panel extension	.reg	Registration entries
.crt	Security certificate	.scf	Windows Explorer command
.exe	Program	.scr	Screen saver
.hlp	Help file	.sct	Windows Script Component
.hta	HTML program	.shb	Shell Scrap object
.inf	Setup Information	.shs	Shell Scrap object
.ins	Internet Naming Service	.url	Internet shortcut
.isp	Internet Communication settings	.vb	VBScript file
.js	JScript file	.vbe	VBScript Encoded script file
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.lnk	Shortcut	.wsc	Windows Script Component
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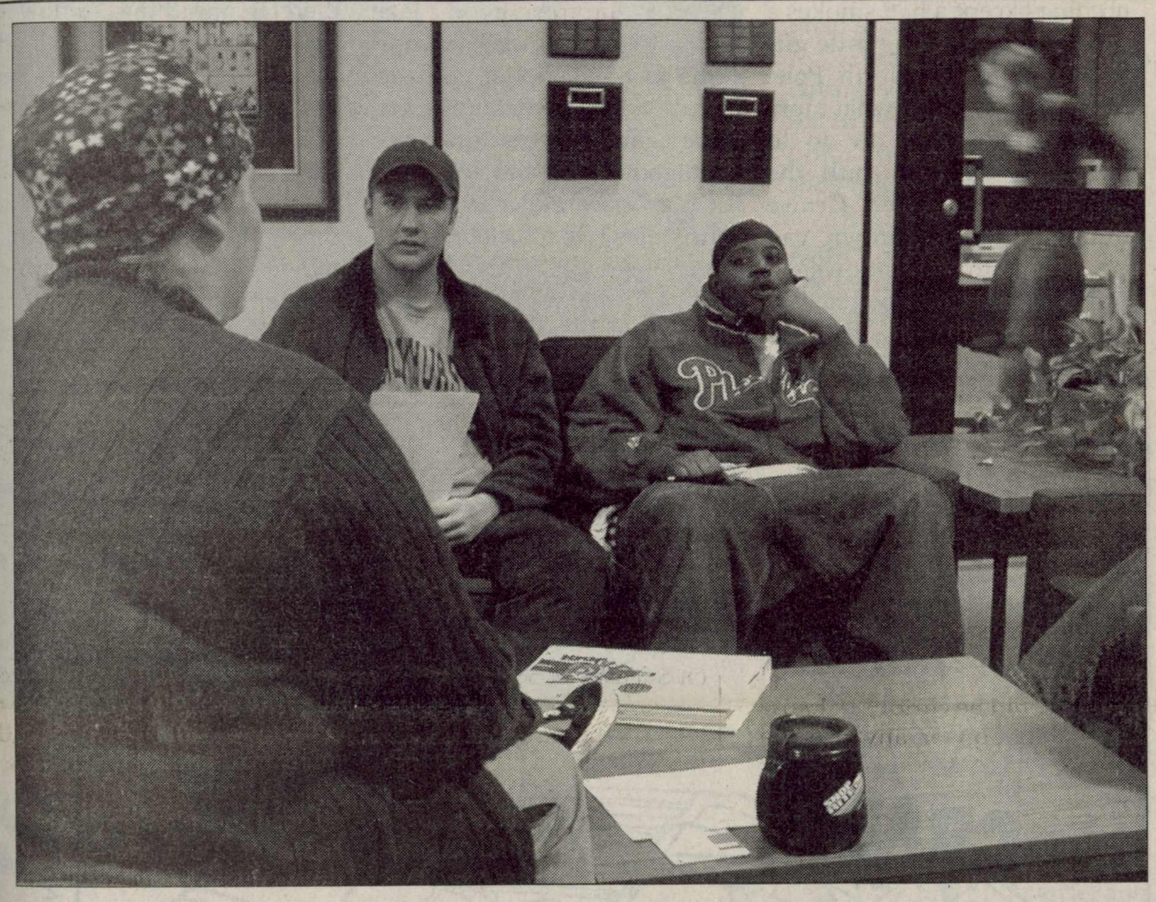

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Amanda Majure, Michael Hebert and Daré Taylor prepare a final presentation for an office administration class Wednesday night. Kerry Conner, a part of their study group, said, "We perform well under pressure."

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Tuesday, December 17, 2002
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Wednesday, December 18, 2002
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11:00 - 1:30 1:00 MWF and MW Classes

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Searching gravesites for fortresses:

NSU and NCPTT look for 18th century artifacts

By Sauce Staff

For the last 6,000 years, people groups have inhabited the American Cemetery property on Second Street.

David Morgan, assistant director of the NSU Cultural Resource Office, said archaeology work in the cemetery has uncovered artifacts that date back to the 1700s.

The Cultural Resource Office, along with the American Cemetery Association and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), did extensive surveying and mapping of the property last summer.

To prepare for the construction of an iron fence perimeter, members of the archaeology department and volunteers dug 236 postholes. Those holes and 20 other squared excavation units were dug slowly, layer by layer, in search of cultural artifacts from the past.

Morgan said the artifacts they found were debris from the last 200 years, and a combination of new and old. In the archaeology lab, there is a five-foot tall shelf packed with a dozen trays filled with artifacts from the summer excavations.

"We did find artifacts that did date back to when there would have been a fort there," Morgan said.

Green glass from beer bottles and barbwire fence staples lie next to pieces of 18th century French and Indian pottery shards.

The fort, called Fort St. Jean Baptist, was established in 1716. French marines built the outpost to show the encroaching Spanish, 14 miles to the west, that their advancement into French territory would not be allowed. It was also a major trading post for the local Indians and French settlers.

Photo by Glenn Ward

Petals lie on gravestones at the American Cemetery in Natchitoches.

The fort was damaged after battles with the Natchez Indian tribe from Mississippi around 1732. The fort was rebuilt near the present cemetery location, but no one knows exactly where.

Morgan said the second fort could have been located anywhere on a ridge that runs from Holy Cross Catholic Church up to the Kappa Alpha fraternity house.

That, Morgan said, means the construction of Second Street, Rue DeMeziere, and a nearby tax office probably disturbed any artifacts in the ground. Additionally, digging grave holes in the cemetery had an effect on the soil contents.

"When you dig this many graves, you often churn up the dirt," Morgan said.

The American Cemetery on Second Street is believed to be the oldest cemetery in the Louisiana Purchase, with gravestones dating back to the 1790s.

Since then, at least 1,500 gravesites have been added, and the years of rain and wind have worn the gravestones. Some of the older stones have cracked and broken or become defaced by erosion.

Scott Faris, a graduate student and research assistant in the social sciences department, said graves that are particularly prone to erosion are the tombs that rest above ground. The rain falls directly on the flat surface and weathers them quickly.

The NCPTT, located on campus, implemented a complete surveying project of the cemetery. The American Cemetery Association, the Cane River National Heritage Area and the City of Natchitoches assisted with the endeavor.

An NCPTT intern from the University of Pennsylvania, Jennifer Cappeto, was responsible for the cemetery mapping. The map charted roads, paths, individual graves and family plots.

According to Morgan, anything that stayed still long enough was mapped.

After complete documentation of the cemetery, the NCPTT will begin restoring and preserving the gravestones.

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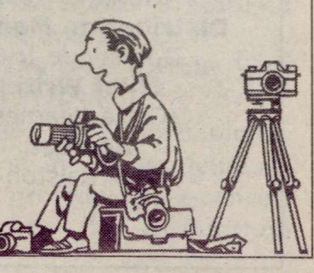

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Scrooged with a twist, 10 heartwarming Christmas movies

By Andrew David
Guest Columnist

It's that time again; no not your girlfriend's period or your boyfriend's cocaine relapse (although those might occur as well). I'm talking about Christmas, the wonderful time of the year where we fool ourselves into believing we're celebrating goodwill towards men or the birth of a savior all so we can justify indulging every material desire within our own pitiful economic means.

And although I'm not a big fan of Christmas itself, I'm a huge fan of Christmas movies. So for your reading pleasure, or displeasure for all I care seeing as how I'll be in an eggnog stupor on top of a copy machine with some cleaning lady by the time anyone reads this, I give you my tope ten favorite Christmas movies of all time.

No. 10-"Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer"

I'm surprised that this animated version of the popular children's Christmas song was allowed to air given the dominate use of the color red and our nation's fear of Communism at the time. Subversive pinko-propaganda or not, "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" provides one of the cutest; yes I did say cutest, moments on the list. I'm talking about the part where Rudolph is talking to a girl reindeer and she calls him cute and ole' Rudy starts yelling, "She said I'm cute! She said I'm cute!"

What's really cute though is what happens five seconds later: Rudolph's nose pops off and everyone laughs at him for the worthless commie-bastard that he is. Go USA!

No. 9-"T'was the Night Before Christmas"

Another CBS holiday staple. There's nothing really ingenious about this one, just an animated adaptation of the poem by Major Henry Livingston, Jr. Now, before I was raped of my childhood innocent belief in Santa Claus by the pedophile that is reality, "T'was the Night Before Christmas" was a great holiday movie. Now it's just a constant reminder of all the dreams that were shattered once I turned eight. Thanks Mom.

No. 8-"Rudolph and the Island of Misfit Toys"

Remember this one? Hermey the Elf is ostracized by his fellow employees for wanting to be a dentist instead of one of Santa's little sweatshop people. Much like its Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer counterpart, "Rudolph and the Island of Misfit Toys" stressed the importance of individualism and accepting yourself for who you are. Of course, this was just a movie so all you kooky kids eating lunch by your self and contemplating suicide can give up that little bit of false hope and go back to purchasing industrial strength rope or some fresh razor blades.

No. 7-"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

For people who spent Christmas in the 60s alone in an apartment tripping on acid, Dr. Seuss's holiday offering did not disappoint. In addition to the story being told in the rhyme scheme of Seuss's brilliance, "The Grinch" also provides one of the more memorable musical scores. Last of all, it's Dr. Seuss. Do you need a reason?

No. 6-"Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas"

"Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" is about Jack, the king of Halloween who is forced to save Christmas when Santa Claus is kidnapped and put out of action. A fairly recent pick on the list in terms of when it was released, and by far one of the most ambitious American animation efforts that didn't involve a computer rendered gay cowboy running around with his life-partner from outer space.

No. 5-"Frosty the Snowman"

Normally I don't give credit for simply adapting an old Christmas song or poem into an animated movie, but this one has a fat hero in it and I'm kind of partial so lay off! The one issue I do have with Frosty is the child molestation overtones. I mean, he's a fat guy that wears nothing except a hat, smokes a pipe and takes some little girl with him to the North Pole. Makes you wonder what more Frosty might have to do to make the network pull the plug on this one? Cruise through town in brown van with no windows?

No. 4-"Scrooged"

This is the first of two live-action picks on my list. Bill Murray stars as modern-day television executive adaptation of Ebenezer Scrooge. Nothing new here really, just taking a good idea and rehashing it, but Bill Murray's in it and that should be enough for all you ungrateful people out there who will probably pass this flick up when you run home to mom and dad as soon as your done with your finals.

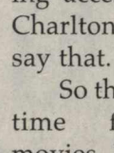
No. 3-"A Mickey Mouse Christmas Carol"

This is an animated version of the same story Bill Murray was telling, but my mom bought me a pop-up book of the Mickey movie so this choice kind of has sentimental value. No jokes for this pick. I dare not insult the empire that is Disney.

No. 2-"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

A good jazz score as well as traditional holiday music, and the Peanuts gang once again delivers a message of togetherness and tolerance as they decorate a lackluster Christmas tree to celebrate the holiday season. With all these feel-good themes of coming to terms with yourself, you would think that adults who animate drawings of children might have psychological issues. You would be right.

No. 1-"A Christmas Story"



The perennial classic about a boy who desperately wishes for nothing more than a Red-Rider BB gun for Christmas. Despite the film's charm I always got the feeling that "A Christmas Story" was a subliminal message for the National Riffle Association. I mean think about it, all this kid (the American people) wants to do is own a firearm but you got all these know-it-all adults (bleeding-heart liberals) telling him, "You'll put your eye out!" ("Crime will go up, children get injured, blah, blah, blah.").

After all the family bickering and coming-of-age stuff the kid gets his gun and if there is one thing I know its that there is absolutely nothing wrong with children having access to firearms. Sorry, Charlton Heston paid me to say that.

So there are my top ten all-time favorite Christmas movies. If you think there's a movie that I may have left out too bad. Merry Christmas and Bah Humbug.

Pork: The fleecing of Louisiana's residents

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Guest Columnist

As I made my way back to NSU this break, Thanksgiving traffic made my progress unbearable. It took me to two and half-hours to get from New Orleans to 190 on the far side of Baton Rouge. As I crept forward I saw a sign telling me how my tax dollars were being put to work.

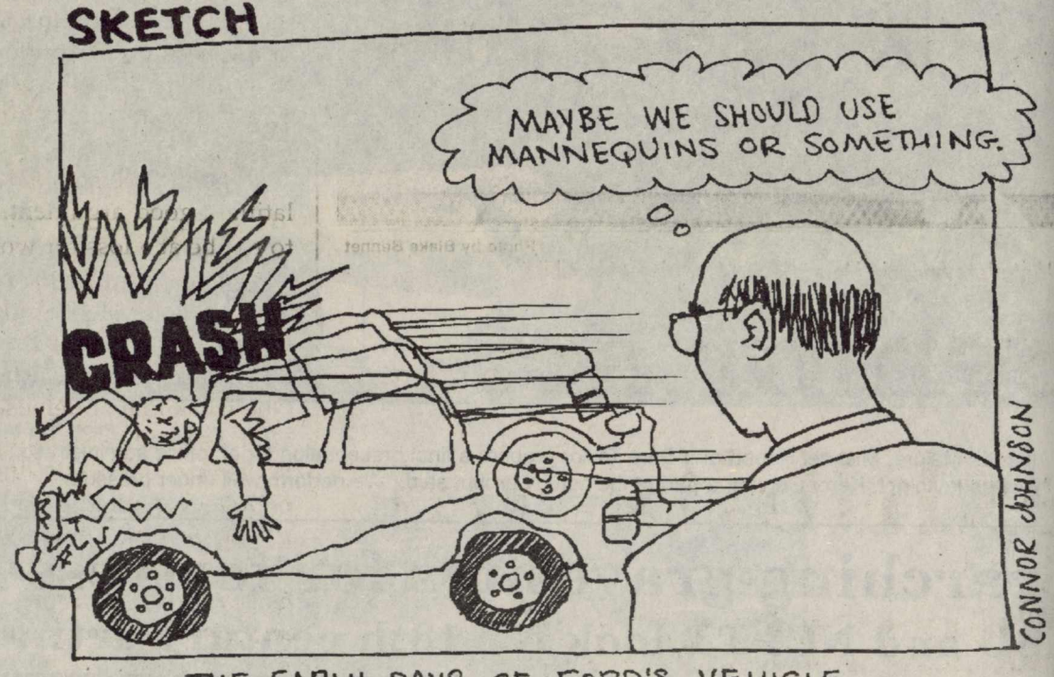
If the tortoise like pace was not enough to boil blood, the waste of millions of dollars did the trick. $1.5 million was spent by the state and $16.5 million by the federal government on the sound proofing walls that line I-10 in Baton Rouge. $18 million was spent to reduce the noise for the people living along I-10 and to raise their property values. PORK!

This project could be carried out when our priorities have been meet. Our priorities include increasing funding for schools, paying teachers competitive salaries so that they don't flock to Texas or finishing construction of I-49. If the money had to be spent on transportation, I can think of dozens of roads that need to be re-surfaced, but this time use concrete so that we don't have to redo it in five years.

Or we could expand I-10 to three lanes from New Orleans to Lake Charles. There is enough traffic on normal days, much less travel holidays, to warrant such an expansion. If I-10 was widened, not only would traffic flow faster and smoother but trucking companies might change their routes thus increasing traffic and revenue along the highway and in the state.

But what upsets me more than wasting the funds on building these soundproof walls is the wasted opportunity. Instead of decorating the walls with a few pelicans and floral designs, they should have been prepared for murals.

As drivers pass by the walls they could be entertained and educated by the local artists' renditions of Louisiana life. Simply by painting these gray walls, they could go from being an expression of the boredom and dreariness of an urban city to being an explosion of color, heritage, and life. The next time you are crawling through I-10 traffic and have nothing to look at but red taillights and gray pelicans, remember the pork that our politicians keep forcing down our throats.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University professor speaks about religious beliefs

I was pleased to see Oliver Kaine's article, "Why do you believe in God?" in the last paper. I completely disagree with his conclusions, but I'm glad to see people thinking about important questions. Although I believe there is a convincing "proof" for the existence of God [the "transcendental" proof developed by Cornelius Van Til and others] I will not attempt to provide that here. What I will do is comment on several of your statements.

1. You said "I never bothered to ask myself why I believed... The questions were always there I just ignored them." I commend you for starting to think more deeply about your beliefs. I realize that some Christians seem to think the most spiritual thing you can do is get a lobotomy. Some think it's dangerous to think about things too much, or too deeply, but that is not biblical Christianity. Christ commanded us to love God with our mind as well as our heart and soul. That means we are supposed to think, to ask questions, and to seek answers about who God is and how He wants us to live. There was a time when I was afraid to ask questions about my faith. I asked them anyway, and found that there were very good answers to the questions that troubled me.

2. You said "I don't think anyone can honestly say that if they hadn't grown up where and how they grew up, that they would believe in God." Oliver, surely you don't mean this. I would be happy to introduce you to a number of adults who today are firmly committed to religious beliefs that are dramatically different from the beliefs they were raised with. In many cases their parents were not happy, to say the least, about their change. Why did they give up the beliefs they were raised with? Because they did not simply accept what their parents taught. They were interested in determining what was true, and they have concluded that the God spoken of in the Bible does exist. You can disagree with these people, but don't say they don't exist. There are many intelligent adults who, after thinking things through for themselves, are even more persuaded of their faith than they were when they were children.

3. You said "All in all I'll admit I can't prove that God does not exist, but I can't prove that he does either." I, too, will admit that I cannot prove, to your satisfaction, that God exists. I believe the evidence of His existence is everywhere, and that everyone knows there is a God (Romans 1:19-23), but of course, I cannot prove this to you. What I will do is pose a question for you to think about. My view of the world (there is a creator-God who has the right to set the rules) allows me to be consistent in my thinking. Does yours? For example, I believe murder is wrong in an absolute sense. It's not just my opinion. It is inherently wrong. This is consistent with my belief that a rulemaker - God - exists. My beliefs are consistent. Do you believe murder is wrong - wrong in an absolute sense? If you do, what is your basis for asserting that it is wrong? If there is no rulemaker, there can be no absolute rules. If you say that murder is wrong in an absolute sense, you are being inconsistent with your worldview that there is no rulemaker. Since your worldview is inconsistent, why not try the alternative.

To hear an interesting debate that took place at Cal. State-Irvine on "Does God exist," as well as find articles on this issue, check out www.louisianapresbyterians.org. If anyone is interested in discussing this subject I would be happy to talk with you. I can be reached at jonesrc@nsula.edu and Russell Hall room 230.

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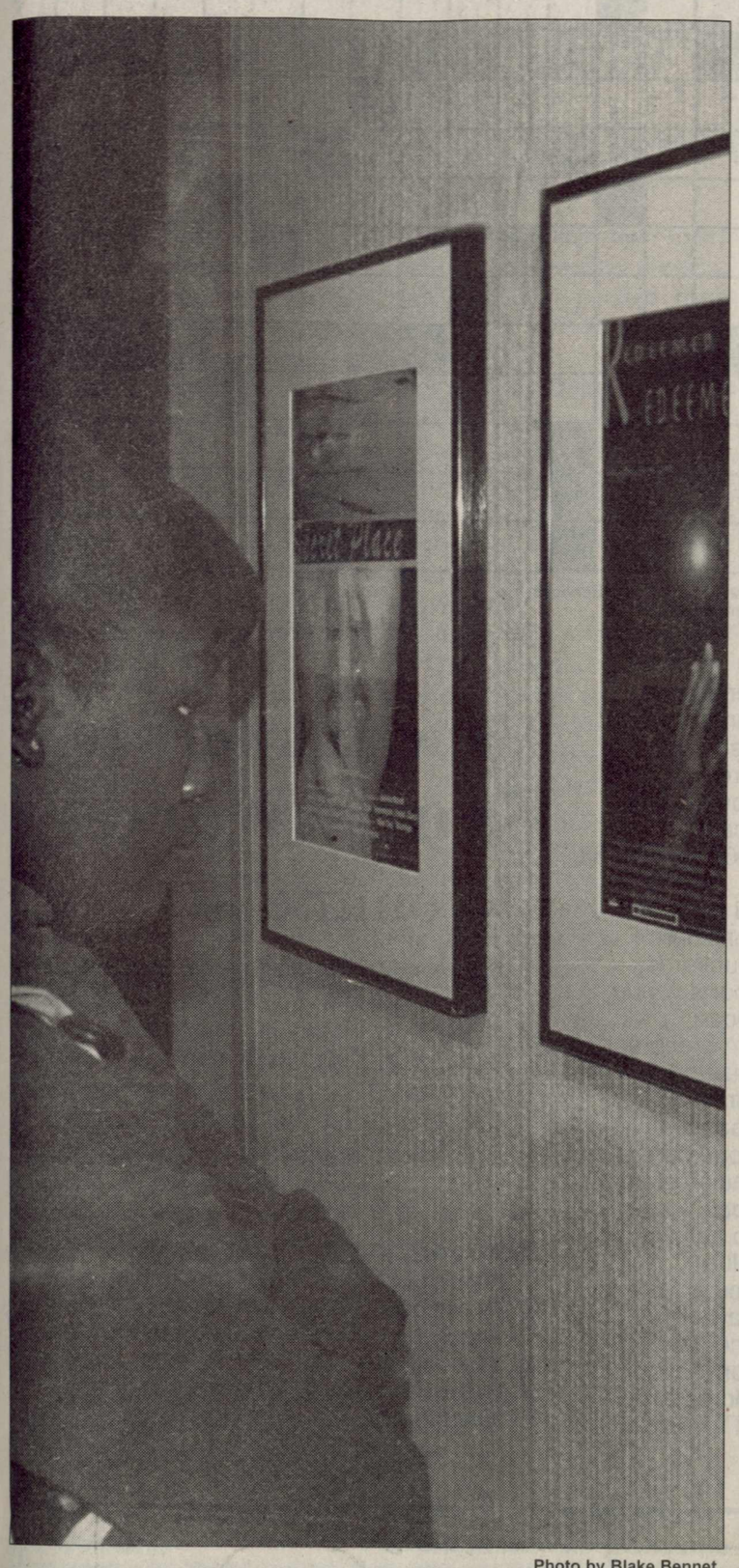


Photo by Blake Bennet
NSU student Ansonia Means looks at senior art exhibit.

Senior art exhibits on display at Hanchey Art Gallery

By Candice Pauley
Sauce Reporter

With the end of the semester fast approaching graduating seniors are finishing up those last minute requirements for their commencement.

Senior art majors Wes Jones and Takisha Gray are finishing up their last semester with their senior art exhibits that will remain on display for the week.

Jones says his main interest is graphic design.

His exhibit includes CD covers, magazine covers and some video covers. Jones has been working on this exhibit for the better part of two years.

"In the process I had to learn a lot," Jones said. "It took about two years to learn it all."

Jones has known all along that he wanted to do graphic design. However, his graphics classes did not begin until his last two years.

This is Jones's first exhibit of his college career, but it was well worth the wait for the quality of his work.

His show, "The Dragon Music Triforce" can be seen through Friday in the Closet Gallery of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear Creative and Preforming Arts Building.

While similar to Jones', Gray's focus is very specific. Gray's work focuses on Christian music and media.
Gray said her magazine covers and play posters along with her movie posters were spiritually inspired.

Gray started out as a business major, then turned to painting, but found that her true calling was graphic design.

"I started with painting. I didn't know much about graphics," Gray said.

However, as she learned more of computers she realized that graphic design was where her interest was.

The exhibit "Eyes Have Not Seen" is Gray's first art exhibit of her college career.

Her ideas and her art are inspiring and well worth the time it would take to see the exhibit.

Gray's exhibit can be viewed through Friday as well.

calling it quits before CHRISTMAS BREAK:

How to break up with your insignificant other

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

■ *Warning: This material may be considered offensive. None of this information has been scientifically proven to be effective.*

In the song "Breaking Up is Hard to Do," The Carpenters sing the story of a lover's lament and pleas after being forsaken by the one they cherish.

"Don't take your love away from me, Don't you leave my heart in misery, If you go then I'll be blue, 'Cause breakin' up is hard to do."

Whether you have been dating your respective other for two years or two days it is now your responsibility to shell out money for a gift.

Yes, Christmas is the biggest gift buying holiday of the entire shopping year, and if partaking in this consumer carnage is not your romantic bag, a departure might be in order.

Breaking up is a fine art and should be handled with the delicacy of brain surgery or a vasectomy. As opposed to the false message peddled by The Carpenters, breaking up is really quite simple to do.

The key element is formulating a good argument, so as to not be at a loss for words.

Never jump into a bush without your M-14, and, likewise, never go into a break up without planning a strategy. One weak line of defense, and your as good as standing in a Wal-Mart checkout line 30 people deep, dignity in hand.

Some basic guidelines to follow when dropping the giftless axe are being direct and forward with your feelings, picking a comfortable place for both parties and being considerate during the process of removal.

Do not beat around the bush in the hopes of remaining friends with your increasingly injured ex love. Lay down the problems and concerns that have caused you to choose the path of seclusion.

Photo by Glenn Ward
This is a dramatic creation of an actual breakup.

Admitting that he or she is not gift worthy might not be the best path. A better move is to concentrate on the overlaying problem that makes the individual ungiftable.

When breaking up, you do not want any unneeded dialogue or emotional outbursts, you want in and you want out.

"I'm gay" is an argument that puts it all out on the table.

There is no arguing this strike. It is a surgical lance to the weeping boil that has become your gift longing lover. You walk in, proclaim rainbow pride and walk out five minutes later no questions asked.

There may be a moment of incoherent mumbling, but it, like your love, will pass.

This is recommended for emergency use only, for example Christmas wishes exceeding $500 or the actual occurrence of you being gay.

Drawbacks are gender sensitive.

If you are a female expect for the word threesome to come up, and if you are a guy be prepared for a call from your weeping father.

The amount of feedback and dramatics involved in the break up is heavily dependent on the location.

For example, if you are in a restaurant the chance of an emotional breakdown is diminished, but the humiliation rises with the amount of people involved.

Do you really want a group of complete strangers hearing about your sex life, or lack of there of?

A restaurant setting can mean avoiding certain dramatic aspects of the break up—hysterical crying, name-calling—but the expense is your own dignity.

A private break up does away with the public humiliation, but it is full of crying and emotions, which extends the time of the break up exponentially.

The "it's not you, it's me" argument is useful in cutting down the emotional charge. It is a capable argument used in both public and private locations but with two drawbacks: excessive length of time to execute and the amount of self-degradation involved.

This is an assault mainly used by guys because women are far more sympathetic when you beat yourself up in front of them. They do not ask too many questions and hardly ever think there might be another female on the side.

Despite the time drawback this is the most humanitarian way to dismiss someone from a relationship.

The victim comes away feeling relatively good for being dumped, and you are now single and have no shopping commitments.

Throughout the process of breaking up it is important to keep it considerate and to not focus on extremely negative material. Do not resort to cheap jabs or comments that you know will infuriate the other party because it is only going to prolong the break up.

The important thing when breaking up is to remember your ultimate goal, not having to buy an extra Christmas gift.

Name calling and recalling embarrassing incidents will not get bring resolution quickly and easily.

The bottom line when breaking up to avoid the festive frenzy is to be prepared. Make your plan, execute your plan and get out of there. Be the Ninja, baby!

Remember, the faster you leave directly influences the length of your newly discovered singlehood free of shopping malls.

NSU to present Annual Christmas Gala Friday

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

The Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University will present its annual Christmas Gala concert Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. The theme of this year's Gala is "The Heartbeat of Christmas."

Jack Wann is the gala producer. Mollye Otis is the artistic director. Choreography is by Alicia Guy, Susan Hussey and Keith Pinkston. Arrangements are by Otis.

The gala will feature performances by the NSU Theatre, Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, the University Concert Choir, NSU Jazz Orchestra, NSU Jazz Dance Troupe, the "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band Drum Line directed by Kenneth Green and the NSU Demon Dazzlers directed by Abe Anthony.

"Christmas is a time of spiritual awakening," said Otis. "That is suggested by the drummers who bring the toys to life. Almost every scene will be introduced by a drumbeat to symbolize that awakening."

The NSU Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Galindo Rodriguez will provide music before the gala.

The Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony will perform "Christmas, A Medley of Well-Known Carols" arranged by Arthur Harris, "Shalom Aleichem" arranged by Isy Geiger and will accompany the Wooden Soldiers Dance playing Jessel's "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers." Charles Demuynck will conduct the Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony.

Burt Allen will direct the University Concert Choir which will perform "O Come All Ye Faithful" by John F. Wade accompanied by the orchestra. The choir will also perform "Caroling, Caroling" and "Come, Dear Children" by Wihla Hutson and Alfred Burt, "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and Franz Gruber's "Silent Night."

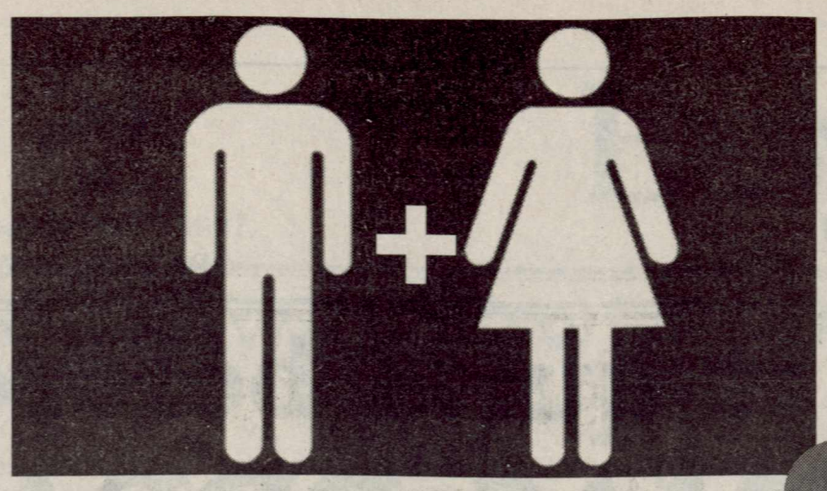
Kristin Jones will play Mrs. Claus and will perform "All Those Christmas Clichés" by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. Eric Engelhardt will portray Santa Claus and perform "Here Comes Santa" with the "Gumdrop Girls" played by Tiffany Rogers, Tami Lopez and Sarah Rhodes. The "Gumdrop Girls" will also be featured on "Standin' On the Corner Watching All the Elves Go By" written by Frank Loesser.

Alicia Schulz will be featured on "Bettina Ballerina Doll."

Other musical numbers will include "Side by Side" by Harry Woods featuring Kyle LeMaire and Levi Petree, "Friendship" by Cole Porter featuring Mandy Ward and Mike Batusic, "Chinese Dragons" with LaSonna Frierson, Thea Richard, Scott Burrell and Adam Louis Breaux. Dezmond Meeks is featured on "Jack in the Box."

Wann will narrate "One Solitary Night."

The NSU Harp Ensemble directed by Shirley Jennings will provide post-concert music in the Auditorium Lobby.



Coed dorm rooms?

The next step in higher education

By Deborah Peterson
Courtesy KRT services

Coed dorm rooms are the trend *du jour* at a handful of East Coast colleges, and, with the typical gestation period for the migration of new ideas in the United States, it may be only a matter of time before more traditional Midwestern schools follow suit.

Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa.; Haverford College in Haverford, Pa.; Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.; and Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., permit men and women to room together in campus housing, according to a Knight Ridder newspaper report.

Myrt Westphal, an assistant dean and director of residential life at Swarthmore, said the college was prompted to increase its coed options in response to requests from gay and lesbian students who found it uncomfortable to live with members of the same sex.

So far, housing administrators at the universities of Illinois and Missouri and Washington University don't see coed dorm rooms on the horizon at their schools.

The University of Illinois at Champaign, for example, has coed dorms but not coed floors, at its campus. The University of Missouri at Columbia has coed dorms, and some of those have coed floors. But both universities also offer all-male and all-female dorm options.

Both Webster and St. Louis universities have coed dorms and dorms with single-sex floors.

At Washington University, all dorm buildings and bathrooms are coed, but there are no coed rooms, said Justin Carroll, assistant vice chancellor and dean of students.

"It works really well, honestly," he noted. "Women on the floor provide a kinder, gentler environment and the men act more like gentlemen because of this arrangement."

Laura Mendiola, 21, a senior at Washington U., is a resident adviser in a freshman coed dorm. She says that living with men and women on the same floor _ but not in the same room _ is the best of both worlds.

"I think for the most part the students are very happy with the housing situation because they get a little bit of privacy but they also get to develop sort of a brother/sister relationship with the people on their floor," said Mendiola, adding that few if any students living on the same floor actually date one another.

But before anyone thinks the Midwest is too conservative, the University of California at Berkeley, which has tried to accommodate an array of sexualities with a housing program called the "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Theme Program," does not allow men and women to live in the same rooms.

Victor Culatta, associate director for residential living at the ultra-liberal school, was surprised to hear about the Eastern schools permitting coed rooming.

"We have coed suites, coed bathrooms and also single sex," Culatta noted. "But we haven't heard anything about mixed-gender rooms."

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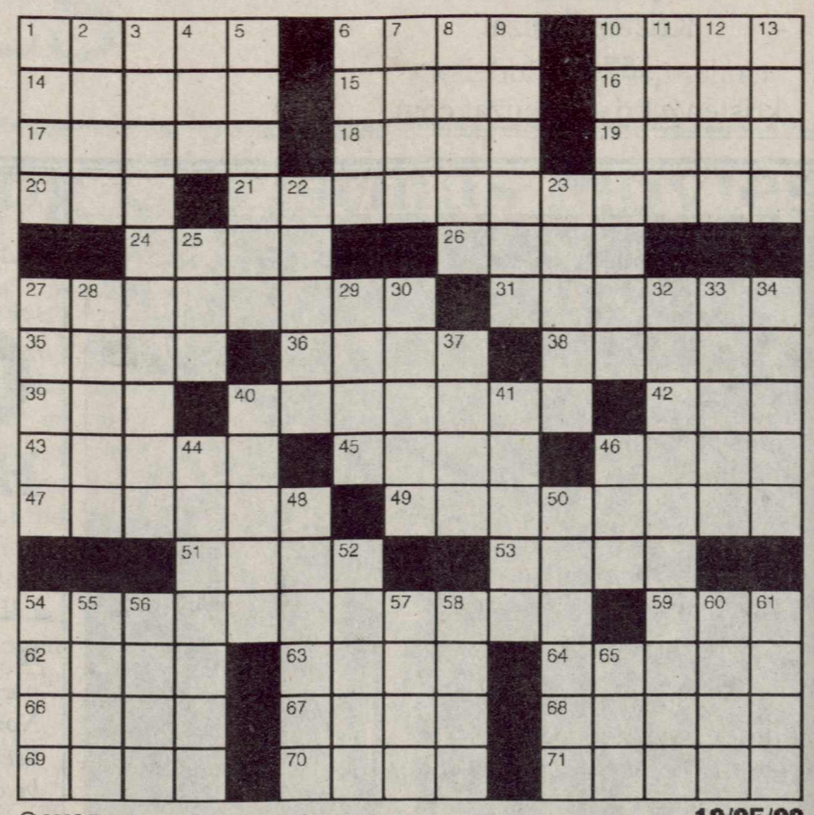

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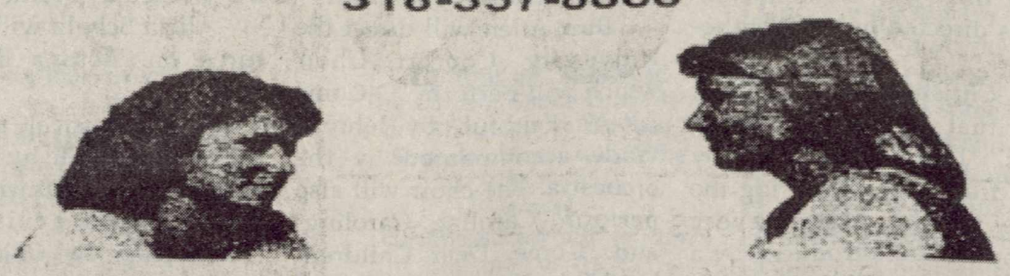

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SPORTS

Coach Smith gets 300th win, beats Texas Aggies 65-59

By Glen Tillman, Jr. and Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporters

The Lady Demons started off this season with an achievement greater than just a win.

Last Monday they traveled to College Station, Texas to defeat the Aggies 65-59 and pick up Head Coach James Smith's 300th career win. This makes Smith the winningest coach in NSU history.

However, this is not the first major achievement of his career. In his years of coaching, he has produced four head coaches for other programs across the country.

In the past five seasons, he has had 20 or more wins per season while leading his teams to beat some of the top programs in the nation including the University of Notre Dame, Duke University and the University of Florida.

"It was monumental for me, but I have to give all of the credit to our players," a modest Smith said after the game. "I think it is safe to say the players win 90 percent of the games and coaching wins about 10 percent, so they deserve the credit."

According to last Monday's game, Smith is right.

"The ladies went into the game thinking, 'Texas A&M, who is that?'" Assistant Coach Jen Graf said.

With that in mind, the Lady Demons kept their focus on the ultimate prize, the win. However, they needed their actions to speak for their words.

The Lady Demons caused 20 Aggie turnovers and scored 21 points off of them.

Angela Davidson led the team with an all-Demon performance putting together her first double-double in the season-opener.

After the emotional win against Texas A&M, the Lady Demons fell to the Lady Bruins of the University of California-Los Angeles.

The Lady Demons where down by as much as 19 points in the game. Later, they would cut the lead to only four points going into the final minute of game play, but they would not get any closer.

Despite the loss, Davidson came up with 17 points and our rebounds while Amanda Bennett came up with 12 points in the losing effort.

"We did not play well in the first half," Head Coach James Smith said. "We had too many turnovers and were outrebounded."

The Lady Demon's next opponent was the University of Texas-El Paso. Once again, the Lady Demons came up short.

"We actually played well against UTEP," Smith said.

However, the free-throw line made all the difference in the game. UTEP went to the line 32 times shooting about 81 percent while the Lady Demons had only 12 free-throw attempts shooting 33 percent from the line.

Once again the Lady Demons trailed by 20 points in the second half, but Davidson, Cosby and Bennett brought the ladies within 10. Despite the heroic effort, the Lady Miners refused to lose.

Over the next few weeks, the Lady Demons look to improve their overall record against their next opponents including Henderson State University, Prairie View A&M and Southeastern Louisiana.

Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 9 McNeese State
Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 16 SLU
Starts at 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 18 Nicholls State
Starts at 2:00 p.m.

Away games are bolded

NSU hosts state intramural tournament despite no IM building

By Sauce Staff

Who needs a new IM building when you can host a state intramural tournament? Definitely not NSU.

Northwestern State hosted the Louisiana Collegiate Intramural Recreation and Association's annual flag football and volleyball tournament in which 21 schools from across the state packed NSU's campus to engage in some weekend warring.

Despite NSU's lack of a physical IM facility, NSU was able to accommodate the 45 flag football teams and 25 volleyball teams comprised of some 727 athletes.

"With the fall tournament you really only need three volleyball courts," Director of Recreational Sports and Intramurals Mark Deshotel said.

"We had seven flag football fields going on campus...and for volleyball we had two courts going for P.E. majors and one court going for Prather Coliseum."

Although no NSU teams emerged victorious over the weekend six of Northwestern's tournament offerings did manage to advance in the tournament.

Independent co-rec team NSU Demons progressed to the semi-finals in flag football, while the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and Sigma Nu teams failed to make it past the quarterfinals.

The BCM women's flag football team advanced to the semi-finals as well and two independent women's volleyball teams made it to the quarterfinals.

As to when NSU will be able to host an IM tournament within an actual IM building, Deshotel said that a lowest bid had been found and final arrangements were being made between NSU, the state legislature in Baton Rouge and the contractor to finalize the plans in hopes of a spring semester groundbreaking.

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From Holtz and Notre Dame to Stoker and Northwestern

Harper brings big school talent and experience to small-time NSU Demons

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

"I can't tell you where I'm from," Demon Defensive Coordinator James "J.C." Harper said of his constant moving as a child. "Right now I'm from Natchitoches."

Harper who has lived in eight states and dealt with football for most of his life, made yet another move this season from McNeese to NSU along with NSU's Head Football Coach Scott Stoker.

38-year-old Harper said he has been involved with football throughout his life because of his father's many football coaching jobs. Harper said there is no question that his father, Tom, is the reason why football became such a big part of his life.

Tom Harper coached for 38 years as Wake Forest University's head coach and a Clemson University assistant head coach, where he won national championships and divisional titles.

As a player Harper's father played under College Football Hall of Fame coach Bear Bryant at the University of Kentucky.

"Being involved with football for 38 years every Saturday has been a game," Harper said.

Even holidays in Harper's life were football oriented, as Christmas for him was either spent at college bowl games or playoffs. This constant work paid off for Harper near the end of his high school career.

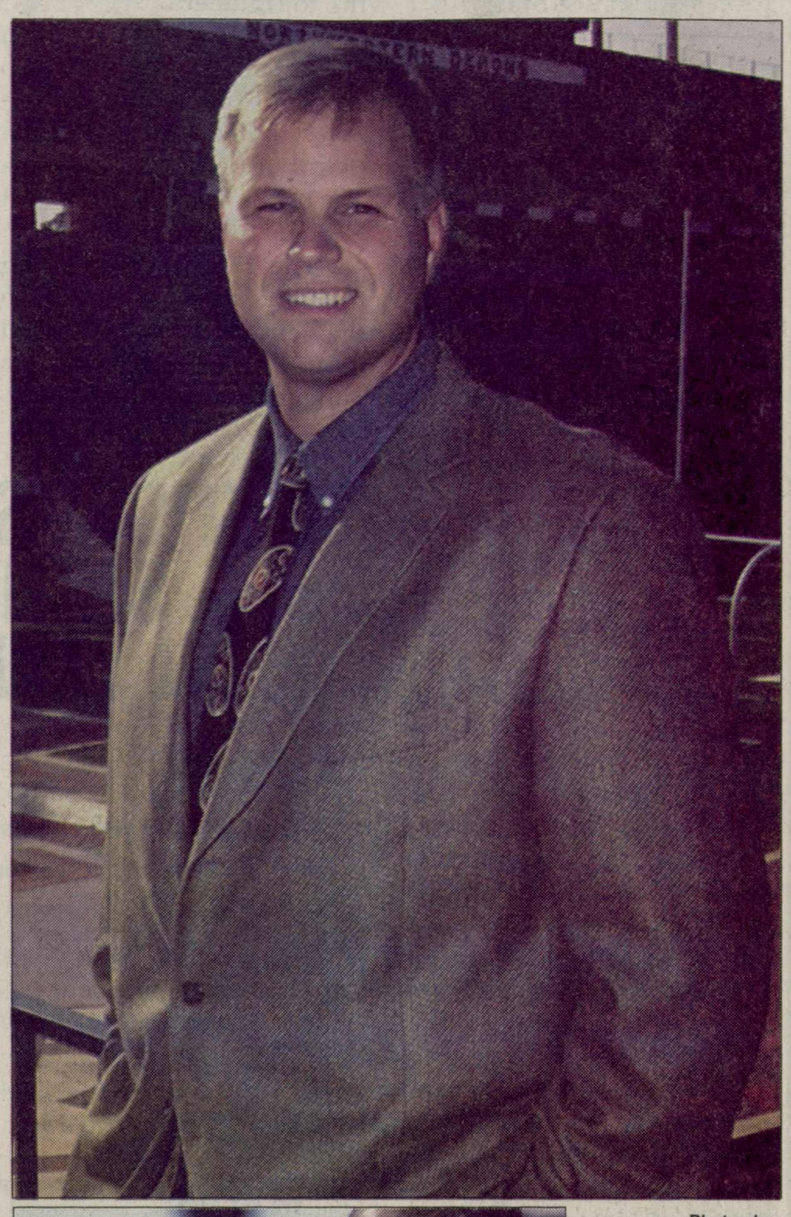
As a senior in high school at Daniel High School in Central, S.C., Harper was picked as one of South Carolina's 22 high school football allstars and played in the Carolina Shiner Bowl. There he made a pact with others on the team that would shape his college football experience.

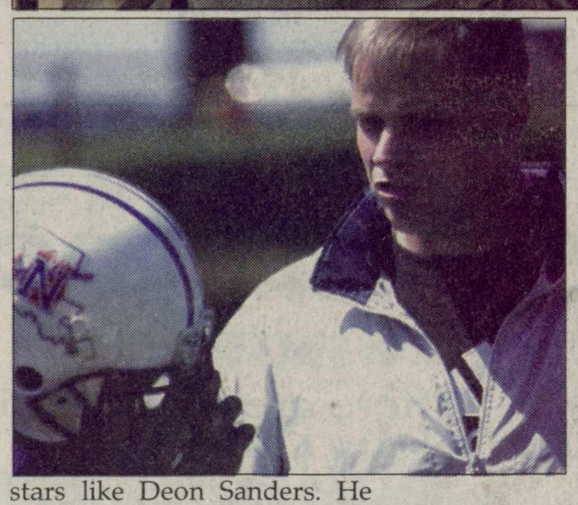
"A few of us decided that instead of going to a bunch of different colleges and losing, we were all going to go to one college and win," Harper said.

The results turned out to be just what they wanted as Clemson went on to win three ACC championships in a row, 34 games, and become Clemson's most successful football class in their program's history.

"We knew we were going to win," Harper said. "And the bowl games just became our twelfth game."

Harper's college football experiences mounted as he played against many difficult teams and future professional stars like Deon Sanders. He also played in bowl games such as the Gator and Independence Bowls as well as two Citrus Bowls.





Photos by Gary Hardamon
Pictured above and to the left is NSU Demon Football Defensive Coordinator James Harper. He cites his father as the reason for football being such a big part of his life. Harper has been involved in some of college footballs biggest programs.

In the 1988 Citrus Bowl against Oklahoma University, Harper and his team succeeded in beating the Oklahoma University Sooners in head coach Barry Switzer's final game.

In 1989, Harper graduated from Clemson with a bachelor's degree in business management and although his father wanted him get into football coaching, he was not interested.

"I didn't have a clue what I wanted to do," Harper said.

Harper found himself working as a clerk at the Senate Minority Council in Washington, D.C. under Senator Strom Thurmond.

Harper soon realized that it was not something he wanted to continue doing.

Later that year Harper went to the University of North Carolina where he became a graduate assistant football coach of defensive tackles under Mack Brown.

Two years later he moved his assistantship to the University of Notre Dame, where he coached the defensive line under Lou Holtz.

"It was a great opportunity to coach for a team with such a commitment to excellence," Harper said.

During his time at Notre Dame, Harper saw the Irish football team's 1991 Orange Bowl loss to Colorado University and their 1992 Sugar Bowl win against the University of Florida.

Harper also met many celebrities including former President George Bush, Regis Philbin and Rudy Ruettiger, the famous Notre Dame player and fan.

Harper met Ruettiger at the Notre Dame weight room where the past Notre Dame defensive back invited him to a party at his home. At the party, Harper found that a movie was to be made about Ruettiger and was later asked to make an appearance in one scene.

Harper, having not heard the story of Ruettiger, declined saying, "I just don't see how your movie is going to work."

Ruettiger replied, "J.C., obviously you really don't understand the power of Notre Dame yet."

In 1993 Harper had the chance to stay at Notre Dame in its sports marketing division, but under the advice of Holtz he took his first full-time coaching job at the Southwest Missouri State coaching the defensive line. Later he would become their defensive coordinator.

It was not until 1999 when he moved to McNeese State that he found what he enjoyed most about coaching.

"It was the first time I felt I could actually win and also enjoy life and have fun," Harper said.

In 2002 when Stoker moved to NSU as Head Coach, Harper went along to be NSU's defensive coordinator.

"He is a guy that I really trust and know will be successful," Harper said. "It was a great opportunity to come be a part of what he is doing."

With the switch in team status one might think the level of coaching would change, but not to Harper

"It doesn't matter whether it's the Southland Conference or the ACC or SEC," Harper said. "I want to let the players have the same feeling I had."

Harper's goals and achievements have brought him farther than many have been and his credentials are those of professional status. However, Harper says that he is not currently leaning towards that level.

He interviewed with the Miami Dolphins in 2000, but due to other coaching circumstances within the organization he did not get the job.

"If that opportunity comes along again, it would be great," Harper said. "But if it doesn't, it doesn't."

Although some would consider a I-AA school to be a stepping-stone, Harper's goals are different.

"I'm driven, wherever I'm at to try to be the very best."

Demons keep the Chief, get mauled by the Grizzlies

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

It's a good thing that Chief Caddo likes meat pies and hates Lumberjacks because he is staying a resident of Natchitoches for another year.

In a down to the wire contest, the Northwestern State Demons beat the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks and left everybody struggling for breath at the end. The Demons won the game 42-35 after scoring two touchdowns 18 seconds apart for the tying and go ahead win.

NSU's offense found its rhythm again and clicked on a seven play, 65-yard drive that knotted the game at 28 even. On the ensuing SFA drive Bryan McMillan, a redshirt freshman, picked off freshman quarterback Zeke Dixon then ran it to the house for the game-winning touchdown.

The Demons held off a strong charge by the Lumberjacks. They were leading 21-0 in the early stages of the game but SFA came firing back scoring 28 straight to take the lead.

> *"A bad trip, no excuse for the way we played..."*
> **-Scott Stoker**
> Demon Head Coach

A huge play by the Demon defense set up the NSU offense for an early score. SFA took the lead after a huge five play, 65-yard drive that gave them the lead.

Senior Quarterback Kevin McGee then led the troops down the field with a quick strike to Senior Wide Receiver Freddie Harrison for the tying score. NSU scored three times in the final two quarters of play breaking a three game no touchdown in the final quarters skid.

NSU's emotional win and keeping Chief at home help stake an at-large invitation to the 16-team I-AA playoffs. When the pairings for the playoffs were announced Northwestern State was playing Montana again.

The Demons lost in Missoula, Mont. last year 28-19 in a close game that saw the Grizzlies score a last second touchdown for the win in a close game between similar schools.

Defending Division I-AA national champions Montana stumbled into the playoffs on two straight losses but came out firing Saturday afternoon against the Demons beating them 45-14 in Montana.

In the rout, Montana had 372 total yards and 27 first downs against a swarming Demon defense that was tops in I-AA.

"The best game they played in the last six weeks, they found their offense against us," Demon Head Coach Scott Stoker said. "That is why they are the national champions of I-AA last year."

NSU's sporadic offense accounted for 302 total yards with only 65 yards on the ground. Northwestern State scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter giving some slim hope.

Montana returned a kickoff for a touchdown shutting down the Demons last ditch efforts. The Demons could not score against the Grizzlies after the huge momentum swing.

Coach Stoker downplayed any bad traveling arrangements for the team's tough loss. The Demons faced delays and a two-hour bus trip to Missoula after they could not land there because of fog. NSU arrived 18 hours before the noon kickoff but no excuses were made by the Demons.

"A bad trip, no excuse for the way we played, we just didn't show up ready to play," Stoker said.

Northwestern State hopes to contend for the Southland Conference title and the national title with a talented young squad leading the way.

"We expect to contend for the Southland Conference title with a young squad on both sides of the ball," Stoker said. "We have high expectations for next year."

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Terrence McGee jumps in front of a Grizzly runner in the attempt to prevent the completion. Demons did not have a good run in Montana. Their season ended after their 45-14 first round playoff loss against the Grizzlies of University of Montana.

NSU women's basketball takes loss to Henderson State

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Henderson State Lady Reddies pulled off an upset Wednesday night beating the Lady Demons at home 73-68 snapping a 22-game home winning streak.

The small crowd at the newly renovated Prather Coliseum witnessed a sloppy played home opener as the Lady Demons shot only 36.8 percent from the field and a dismal 21.7 from behind the three point arc.

"We shot poorly, we made bad decisions with the ball, we didn't defend very much at all, you name it and we didn't do it very well," Lady Demon Coach James Smith said.

Neither team executed well as the Lady Reddies turned the ball over 20 times and the Lady Demons coughed up the ball 18 times. Surprisingly, the Lady Reddies led at halftime by 14 points while shooting 46.9 percent from the field. The Lady Demons struggled offensively shooting only 25 percent in the first half of play.

The lead change came at the 7:29 mark in the second half. The two teams exchanged the lead until a late layup in the game sealed the win for Henderson State.

Junior guard La'Terrica Dobin led the Lady Demons in assists with 12 and Diamond Cosby chipped in with 10 points. Lady Demon Ashley Sparkman also contributed, leading the team with four blocked shots on the night.

"Felt good to have four blocks on the night, but when you lose it is not much fun," Sparkman said.

"I feel disgusted, busted, and all those bad words at this loss here at home tonight," Dobin said.

Hopefully the Lady Demons will rebound this Friday night in Houston, Texas in the Rice Tournament.

The Lady Demons face the No. 11 ranked Arkansas University Lady Razorback team at Rice's Autry Court with tip off scheduled for 5 p.m.

"Everybody is working hard and once we are on the same page we will be Hell on Wheels," Dobin said.

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'Grits' to be honored at graduation

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

NSU will hold its Fall Commencement Exercises Friday, Dec. 20.

At 10 a.m., graduates from the College of Education, College of Nursing, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School will receive diplomas. Graduates from the College of Business, College of Science and Technology, Louisiana Scholars' College and the University College will receive diplomas at 3 p.m.

Individual college recognition ceremonies will be held at 11:30 a.m. All graduates and their families are invited to a reception at the NSU President's Home at 1 p.m.

The commencement speaker will be Casey Crowder, Miss Louisiana 2002. Crowder, an honor graduate of NSU, is a pharmaceutical representative for Eli Lilly & Company.

NSU will also award an honorary doctorate of humane letters to outdoor writer, author, television host and producer Grits Gresham of Natchitoches.

Gresham is the shooting editor of Gun and Ammo Magazine and editor-at-large of Petersen Hunting Magazine. He has written seven books on hunting, fishing and other subjects related to outdoors life.

NSU fires Brossette, others over audit report

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

NSU has terminated the employment of three faculty members cited in a report released in November by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

The employment of Dean of Continuing Education Alvin Brossette and Assistant Professors of Electronic Engineering Technology Glenn Moffett and Sherman Vogel at NSU will end Dec. 20, the conclusion of the fall semester.

NSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Burns said the terminations were based on findings in the audit report.

The report, released to the public in October, focused on mismanagement of grant funds and stated that laws related to theft, malfeasance in office and filing false public records were possibly violated. The report has been submitted to the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney for review.

Those terminated employees have the right to appeal the decision to a University grievance committee.

Caribbean Christmas?

Students plan distant holiday destinations

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Well, it's that time of the year again. It's the time for Christmas trees, New Year's parties, fruitcake and that annual trip with Grandma to... the Caribbean?

Wait, that's not Christmas-like, but that is how some NSU students will be spending their breaks this year.

It seems that the traditional Christmas plans are too small for some students like junior Adam Stoll. Stoll plans to spend his vacation relaxing in the Caribbean.

"I plan to get some sun and do some scuba diving," Stoll said.

Another student looking for a more exciting way to maximize their break is SGA Vice President Jennifer Jensen. Jensen will be going to with a friend to Colorado for some fun before visiting family in Virginia and North Carolina.

> *"I plan to get some sun and do some scuba diving."*
>
> –Adam Stoll
> Caribbean vacationer

"We are going to do a lot of skiing and shopping," Jensen said.

Though these students have made an attempt to break from the harsh normality of the average family holiday, one must ask what has happened to the traditional, yet normally dysfunctional way of spending quality time with those close loved ones you only see once a year?

You know, the one where the kids open their presents while all the adults are glued to the TV watching the holiday college bowl games.

Most are bound to know of these kinds of holiday get-togethers, but a couple of NSU students have found a way to make that idea work this holiday.

Physical education major

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FINALS CRUNCH

Students, professors prepare for end of semester; Test-takers search for stress relief as exams near

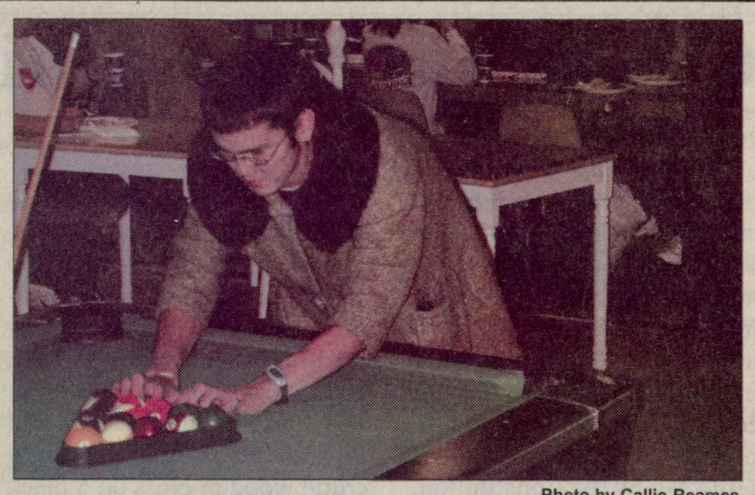

Photo by Callie Reames
Freshman fashion merchandising major Josh Stelly racks pool balls at a Baptist Collegiate Ministry late night study breakfast Wednesday night.

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

Finals... the time when each 16-week pursuit of knowledge comes to an end and approaching grades reflect the success or failure of each student.

All-nighters, study groups, cramming, coffee, and scantrons are synonymous with the last week of class.

Aaron Savoie, a junior business administration major, does not have a spread out finals schedule, and wishes he had more time between his tests.

"It's just hard for me this semester because I'm taking mine within two days," Savoie said.

Finals are easier than they used to be for Savoie. Last spring, he switched his major from music performance to business administration, a decision that he is grateful for.

"I find that it's easier," Savoie said, "I enjoy it a lot."

Shannon Parris, a freshman theater major, has no exams for the remainder of the week.

"I pretty much have the rest of the week to sleep, which I haven't been able to do because of Gala," Parris said.

Parris was a costume designer and a helped dress the performers in last weekend's annual Christmas production.

Parris said her first semester has been different than she thought it would be.

"I'm enjoying it a lot more than I thought I would, and academically, it's a lot easier than high school," Parris said. Parris doesn't have any exams until next week, and she is not very concerned about them.

"Almost all my exams just count as regular tests," Parris said.

Astaire Rivers, a graduating biology major said he would be up late studying for four finals Thursday, three of which are comprehensive.

"Probably all night," Rivers said, "I hate to say it that, but probably all night."

Rivers is moving to Knoxville, Tenn. in January, where he will attend the University of Tennessee in the fall to attain a master's degree in forensic science.

"I'm not tired of Northwestern because I've had great times, but I'm tired of school right now," Rivers said.

The biology and chemistry tests Rivers will take are different from the English exams that seniors Max Shelton and Shane Erath have been taking for the last few years.

"My major is the easiest because there is less standardized testing," Shelton said.

"We are taught to speak and write eloquently, and we know how to express ourselves in the best way, depending on how we are questioned," Shelton said.

Erath said writing papers comes naturally to him.

"I'm overly verbose, and I don't like to restrict myself to those tests," Erath said, "so it's easier for me."

Shelton and Erath said they mostly finished with exams because in the English department, they take exams early with graduating seniors.

Kris Over, a visiting English professor who recently got her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, said grading written exams is not an easy task.

Check the finals schedule online:
http://www.currentsauce.com/news/339147.html

"They're probably as monstrous as taking finals," Over said.

For faculty members, exams are challenging not only because of the quantity, but the quality as well.

"You realize whether or not you've succeeded at teaching them what you wanted them to learn," Over said.

Over also said the monotony of grading is a challenge. She described it as, "a whole stack of papers, all on the same thing."

Andrei Ludu, assistant professor in the chemistry and physics department, said grading exams would be simpler if it was more technologically advanced.

Ludu said that grading classes with up to two hundred students is unpleasant and could be improved. Ludu would like to use scantrons that enter student information and answers into the computer entirely and at one time.

"I have nothing against grading itself. It's a part of the teaching process," Ludu said.

The teaching methods in large classes are also something Ludu would like to improve.

When Ludu, who is originally from Romania, lived and taught in Europe, said that if classes were as large as 200 hundred students, they would attend lecture by their professor for about one hour per week. For the rest of that week, they would split up into groups of about 20 in which an assistant professor would tutor them on the information they received from the professor.

Ludu said that is a process that has been adopted by many other American universities, and he would like to see NSU's classes move in that direction.

Classes taught in a way that more emphasized the student's retention of knowledge might better prepare students and allow finals week to go by without so much stress.

Photo courtesy *The Real Views*
Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) speaks to a Natchitoches audience on Nov. 22. Her campaign won.

Landrieu wins senate

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

Democratic incumbent Senator Mary Landrieu defeated Republican Suzanne Terrell 52 to 48 percent in a runoff election Saturday.

Early unofficial vote counts showed the victory going to Landrieu with 644,088 votes to Terrell's 604,129 votes.

Voter turnout across the state was 43 percent, about two points below the primary election turnout. However, turnout in Natchitoches Parish was lower.

Terrell

"I think the Christmas festival had an effect," registrar of voters Debbie Waskom said. "Asking someone to get up at 6 a.m. to go vote is a lot to ask."

40 percent of the registered voters in Natchitoches turned out to give Landrieu 5,394 votes to Terrell's 4,517. Waskom also said that after the street closings in the city of Natchitoches, traffic at voting stations slowed significantly.

Turnout for the Natchitoches Christmas festival has topped 150,000 in past years. Attendance estimates for this year's festival were unavailable at press time.

Landrieu carried 35 out of 64 parishes and did very well among urban voters in New Orleans while Terrell carried the suburbs.

"We turned the lights on. This election has shown that the Democratic Party is alive and united," Landrieu said Saturday.

Terrell conceded the race amongst a cheering crowd urging her to run for governor next year.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
59°/35°	56°/31°	59°/37°
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

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Christmas vacations don't have to go back home

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Drew Causey and radiology Tech major Jason House will be attending some of this year's bowl games instead of settling for the 13-inch Panasonic.

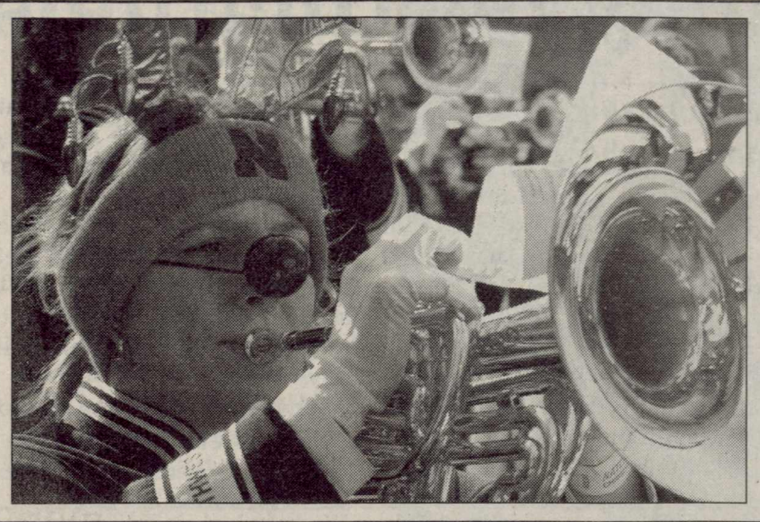
House will keep it local, as he will attend Shreveport's Independence Bowl to watch the Ole' Miss Rebels battle the University of Nebraska Corn Huskers on Dec. 27. Causey will go off to Dallas for the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl in New Orleans to see the Louisianan State University Tigers take on the University of Texas Longhorns.

From football to shopping to from snow and sun, those who are able to get away seem as though they will enjoy their break from the rush of college life, but other students may not be leaving town this year.

Although she will get away for a little while, junior Katy Andres will be staying in Natchitoches to work during the break.

"I am going home for a week to see my sister, though," Andres said. "Then I'm coming back to clean and paint my house."

If you are thinking your break will not be good or that your plans are up to par with these, it doesn't matter. You still have 32 days to do whatever you want with your break. Just do yourself a favor and make it a good one.



Christmas Festival 2002

Left: A NSU band member shows off her Rudolph impression and Christmas spirit in Saturday's parade. (Photo: Gary Hardamon)
Bottom: Festival patrons solicit throws from parade floats Saturday. Tens of thousands of tourists flooded Natchitoches. Tens of thousands of tourists flooded town for the annual festival. (Photo: Glenn Ward)

Cross-burning ignites Supreme anger

By Shannon McCaffrey
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON–The Supreme Court's only black justice condemned cross burning Wednesday for its terrifying link to "100 years of lynchings in the South" as the high court considered whether the practice is a form of free speech protected by the Constitution.

Justice Clarence Thomas, who rarely speaks during oral arguments and has drawn the wrath of some minority groups for his conservative views, said a flaming cross symbolized a "reign of terror" against blacks.

"It is unlike any symbol in our society. It was intended to cause fear and terrorize a population," said Thomas, who grew up in segregated Georgia.

Thomas and the other justices have been protective of free-speech rights, but their questions Wednesday implied that cross-burning may fall outside free-speech protections because of its long association with racial violence. For many years, especially in the South, it was a calling card of the Ku Klux Klan.

The case involved a law against cross-burning in Virginia, which that state's top court struck down as unconstitutional. Barry Elton Black, a Ku Klux Klan leader who set a giant cross ablaze near a highway, and Jonathan O'Mara and Richard Elliot, who planted a crude wooden cross on a black neighbor's lawn, challenged the law. All three men are white.

The Virginia law makes it a felony to burn a cross with the intent to intimidate.

Twelve other states have cross-burning laws that could be affected by the court's ruling. Legal experts say the justices also could help define more clearly the fuzzy line between free speech and threatening speech, which can be restricted.

Rodney Smolla, attorney for the three men, argued that while a burning cross may be "horrible, evil and disgusting," it is a protected form of free expression, much like flag burning.

But Virginia Solicitor William Hurd said the primary message of a burning cross was "a threat of bodily harm." The justices sounded inclined to agree.

Justice Antonin Scalia repeatedly likened cross burning to brandishing a firearm, because both are threatening.

"If you were a black man, you'd rather see a man with a rifle (on your front lawn) than a burning cross," Scalia said.

But several justices seemed bothered by a section of the Virginia law that said cross burning was on its face evidence of intimidation.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wondered whether that would allow a person to be punished for burning a cross in a play, for instance, where there was no intent to intimidate.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wondered how imminent a cross burning's threat of violence had to be.

But it was Thomas' remarks that held court watchers in thrall.

"My fear is that you're actually understating the symbolism and the effect of the burning cross," Thomas told another government lawyer defending the Virginia law.

Scalia and Thomas are two of the court's most reliable conservatives, but Scalia has been on the bench longer and is more outspoken.

The case is Virginia v. Black.

NSU Police blotter

• On Dec. 5 at 12:51 a.m. a student called to report that a resident of Rapides Dorm took pictures from her dorm room in Bossier without her permission, and won't give them back. By the time the officer made it to the scene, the pictures had been returned.

• At 1:01 a.m. the AC of Caspari reported a female had damaged items in room 230, and requested officer assistance. Two officers responded to the call. The call was logged.

• Sabine RHS called at 1:17 a.m. to request a patrol of the perimeter of Sabine Dorm due to possible screaming on Greek Hill. An officer patrolled the area and found five females in the Teacher Education Center parking lot. The females were reportedly praising God in the parking lot. They agreed to keep the noise down.

• At 2:20 a.m. an altercation took place in front of the police station office. A severely upset young lady was yelling at black male. An officer responded to the call. The incident was logged.

• On Dec. 7 a student called at 2:35 p.m. reporting items such as wallets, purses, and other things stolen from the band hall.

• On Dec. 8 at 4:37 a.m. a Monroe resident reported she was receiving harassing phone calls from a number on campus. An officer spoke with the subjects in room 206W Sabine. The resident had a guest in her room from Monroe and both girls were advised cease calling or further actions would be taken.

• On Dec. 9 campus police received a call at 2:42 a.m. from a student complaining about another student threatening to kill her. Two officers responded to the call and then went to Dodd Hall to find the student who made the threat. The officers took a statement from the student who made the threat. At 9:30 a.m. the student's roommate called requesting an officer to enforce the student move out of her room.

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Latter-day Saints

The Institute of Religion of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holds weekly scripture study classes in Room 316 of the Student Union every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Josh at 318-590-1812.

Delta Kappa Gamma

Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society announces the Catherine and Mary Winters Scholarship. Full-time women students pursuing an NSU degree in education with a minimum 3.0 GPA, attending in fall 2003 and at least juniors in spring 2003, are eligible. Applications are available on request at the Office of Alumni Affairs. For more information, contact Barbara Laborde at 318-352-5918.

Circle K International

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of Kyser Hall. If you have any questions about Circle K, contact Laurie Brown at lauriekaleb@hotmail.com.

Club NEO

Northwestern Environmental Organization (NEO) has placed 24 recycling bins throughout all buildings on campus with aluminum can soda machines. NEO meets at The Foundation (no affiliation) on Sundays at 6 p.m.

Spanish Club

On Saturday, the Spanish Club will be meeting at the main entrance of Natchitoches Parish Hospital at 1:45 p.m. to distribute the Christmas presents to the children. Th enext meeting iwll be held on Wednesday, January 22, from 3-4 p.m. at Kyser 341. For more information, contact Dr. Pratt in Kyser 314E at 357-5590. Gracias, los miembros, por un semestre bueno!

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings are held in Russell Hall in Room 213 every Monday at 12 p.m. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Fine Art Exhibits

On Jan. 27, 2003, in Magale Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m., Louisiana Tech photography professor Dean Dablow will present a slide talk. He is the curator of an exhibition in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery on display from Dec. 2 to Feb. 1.

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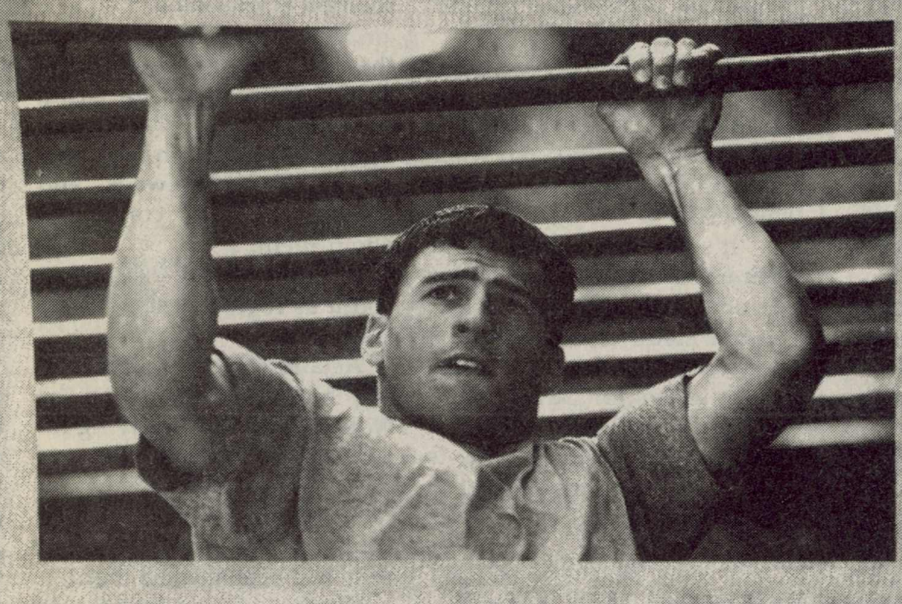

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Photo by Glenn Ward
KNWD urban music director Warner Tureaud sets up a record for play on the campus radio station Wednesday afternoon. Tureaud, nominated to take over the reins of KNWD's general manager's office this spring in place of the resigning Julie Pitts, sat down with the *Current Sauce* for an interview.

CHANGING HANDS

An interview by
Andrew David

KNWD 'The Demon' 91.7FM snagged a Christmas surprise when General Manager Julie Pitts announced that she was leaving the campus radio station's top spot. The student-operated music and talk station now has a front-runner for Pitts' replacement: Urban Music Director Warner Tureaud. The *Sauce* wanted to know more.

After the resignation of general manager Julie Pitts, the fate of KNWD will be in the hands of urban music director Warner Tureaud come springtime. The *Current Sauce* sat down with the Algiers, La., native this past week to talk about the future of KNWD, copyright laws, the popularity of rap music and anything else that popped into our sick and twisted little minds.

CS: What is your main goal as general manager of KNWD?
WT: Number one is something that I'm working towards positive success right now, and that is to gain listenership. Back when I was here at Fall'99 there was no other source of urban music over the airwaves; KNWD was it. Now there's 106 (KEDG 106.5 FM). I'm not trying to start a war between the two stations but I just want to let the listeners know that KNWD was here first and we haven't gone anywhere. By the time I relinquish my position as general manager I want to let the community know that KNWD will still be here for years to come. I want to leave the legacy with the history of KNWD.

CS: When did you know you wanted to be station manager?
WT: There was a time when it seemed like things weren't really running as smoothly (at KNWD). We were working towards a goal, but we weren't really moving at the pace we expected and so I just decided to start taking a little bit more responsibility and then I said, "Hey, I think I can do this."

CS: What is necessary to bring back KNWD as a viable broadcasting entity on and off-campus?
WT: Professionalism. The number one thing about having something as important as KNWD is professionalism. We're under a FCC (Federal Communications Commission) license. We were given a license to run a professional non-commercial radio station. In order to gain listeners you have to show the listeners that you're professional but that you're still going to give them a good time. And along with giving them a good time there are going to be some listeners that want the news, they want weather, they want sports. They want to hear about alcohol awareness. They want to hear about asthma awareness and things to prevent heart attacks and stuff like that. You still have to give them what they want, but you still have to become a public service for the community. It's not going to be possible to serve a 100 percent of the community but you can still serve at least 75 to 80 percent of the community.

CS: Have you or your staff discussed performing surveys of what music students and other listeners want to hear and what they believe the radio station should do for them?
WT: We're currently working on a survey for next semester to basically get a feel for what students want. This semester it seemed to be a problem because at one point there was a majority of rock then at another point it was a majority of urban. I'm trying to get it at a 50-50 level. But what it seems to be is that a lot of the people that are more in tune to the urban music are reacting to the station more. It's kind of ironic though because at this time I have more rock DJs on staff than I do urban, but what I would try to do is balance it out.

CS: You say one of your goals is a balanced play list, but if the majority of your listeners want one particular style of music more than another would you sacrifice that balance for the sake of popularity?
WT: Good question. I wouldn't make it biased. I would try to compensate so it wasn't looking as if KNWD was an all-rock or all-urban station. I would try to compensate to the best of my ability so it wouldn't seem that KNWD is a biased station.

CS: Last year KNWD announced it would start broadcasting over the Internet. What is the status of that right now?
WT: Under construction.

CS: That leads into the next question. After heavy lobbying by the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) Congress recently passed legislation requiring both commercial and non-commercial radio stations to pay royalty fees for copyrighted material broadcasted over the Internet. This has forced some college radio stations to bail out of the broadband format due to high-priced payments. Are you following this case and where do you stand on using the Internet as a broadcasting source?
WT: Yes, I am aware of that. We were tinkering with the idea of broadcasting over the Internet and when that came up we were kind of not in favor of doing the broadcast over the Internet. If we do we would probably do a talk show but we wouldn't play live music because of the royalty fines.

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> **–Warner Tureaud**
> KNWD general manager

CS: A large portion of KNWD's listening demographic is a rap and urban audience. Do you think that rap's popularity will continue to be the dominant force in music or will it be replaced by something else?
WT: Music has always been in waves. Classical was at the top at one point and time. Jazz was, bebop, R&B, pop music have all had their peaks and this is the rap music peak. I think it's going to be like a revolving door just like fashion. Rap music is at its peak right now. It will continue to grow but I don't think it will hold this peak for a long time.

CS: Early in its history, rap music was used a means for the artist to express a reality and convey a message. Do you think that rap is beginning to become redundant in its message and style?
WT: It is. It's superficial. When you turn on the television or listen to the lyrics the lyrics portray that their life has always been Cristal, $100,000 watches, $80,000 cars, and women all night. There's still a couple of rap artists that still tell a story with their rhymes which I think is a talent, but there are some artists that are commercial. An artist like Jay-Z is more commercial so you would expect him to do that but now he's started a wave where everybody is trying to be commercial. They're talking about everything they have and trying to show everything they have in the music videos. Rap isn't always like that but I think it's the main reason that rap won't be at this same peak for a long time because it's a phase right now.

CS: Because rap is so popular, do you think that its superficiality contributes to a superficiality and materialism in its listeners?
WT: It possibly could. From what I see on campus it definitely does. A lot of people say they don't believe in what they listen to, but you can see that they're trying to strive for what they listen to. It's not a good motivational tool to try and listen to those songs and try to strive to it because what if you don't make your goals?

CS: As a black man, do you think that rap artists should be spokespersons for the African-American community?
WT: It's not even an issue. It shouldn't be just rap artist. If you say it that way then you're basically saying that rap is only produced by one race. Eminem happens to be one of the top-selling rap artists in the United States at the moment. I think rap is not really just by once race because I've seen white artist that have sold millions, as a matter of fact I'm a big Eminem fan and I don't think that you should bias the genre of music by one race.

CS: If rap isn't a spokesperson for black culture, should it be seen as a spokesperson for the youth culture?
WT: Yes.

CS: Is it an adequate spokesperson for the youth culture?
WT: No

CS: Well, the popular music of the day has always been a mouthpiece for youth culture, and the popular music of this day is rap. So if rap isn't an adequate spokesperson for youth, who or what is?
WT: Whoever they can believe in that they know personally. Because everything that's out there that they see from their television screens is just another image. It's just an image, it's really not that person; it's a dual personality. A lot of artists don't bear their government names so it's really not that person. You're looking at a superficial image of a superstar. It's not really that person's lifestyle. You're looking at Jay-Z on stage, not at Sean Carter. I don't think that the youth of America should be looking up to something that's really not the truth. Granted, these people do things for the community and try to be model citizens by donating dollars and things like that, but that's not always the case.

CS: How did the atmosphere of New Orleans and surrounding areas affect you growing up?
WT: It was rough. I grew up in Algiers on the West Bank. It's not really a bad neighborhood, but we were in a middle class neighborhood and started moving up just a little bit. But seeing what can happen if you fall into that certain trap gave me motivation to do the right thing. Going to school, getting a positive education and trying to find positive morals about life.

CS: Were you always interested in music?
WT: Not actually. I really didn't have an interest in music until I was nine or ten. Then I started really getting involved in it and listening to it. I was in the choir for a little while and I'd tinker around with a couple of musical instruments-drums, clarinet, basically band instruments-and started having a feel for it. Then I got here and I got more of a technical aspect of it and gained more of an interest in it.

CS: Now that we've gotten all the serious questions out of the way let's get into the real important stuff. If you were only allowed to own three CD's, which ones would you own?
WT: "Stevie Wonder's Greatest Hits" album, gotta have some R&B in there. Miles Davis, because I love jazz music, and Jay-Z "The Blueprint part III."

CS: Tupac or Biggie?
WT: Biggie.

CS: Rolling Stones or The Beatles?
WT: Rolling Stones.

CS: Britney Spears or J-Lo?
WT: J-Lo.

CS: Madden 2003 or NFL 2K3?
WT: Madden. I'm an EA Sports man.

CS: PS2 or XBOX?
WT: PS-Deuce.

CS: Are you down with O.P.P?
WT: (smiling) No.

CS: Why you gotta' be so complicated?
WT: That's just the way I am.

CS: James Bond or XXX?
WT: I'm going with Bond.

CS: Harry Potter or Lord of the Rings?
WT: Harry Potter.

CS: Paper or Plastic?
WT: Paper.

CS: The Simpsons or South Park?
WT: Simpsons all the way.

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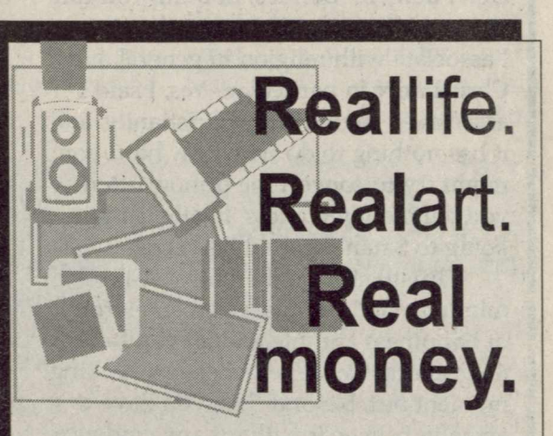

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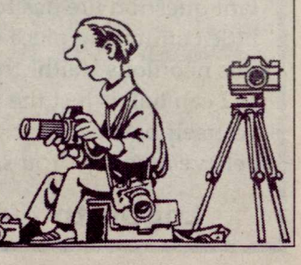

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Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

■ *The following article is an excerpt from the editorial page of* The New York Sun *on Sept. 21, 1897. It was written by editor Francis P. Church in response to an 8-year-old girl, named Virginia O'Hanlon's letter to the editor. In the letter Virginia wrote:*

"Dear Editor--I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, *it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"*

The following was Church's response.

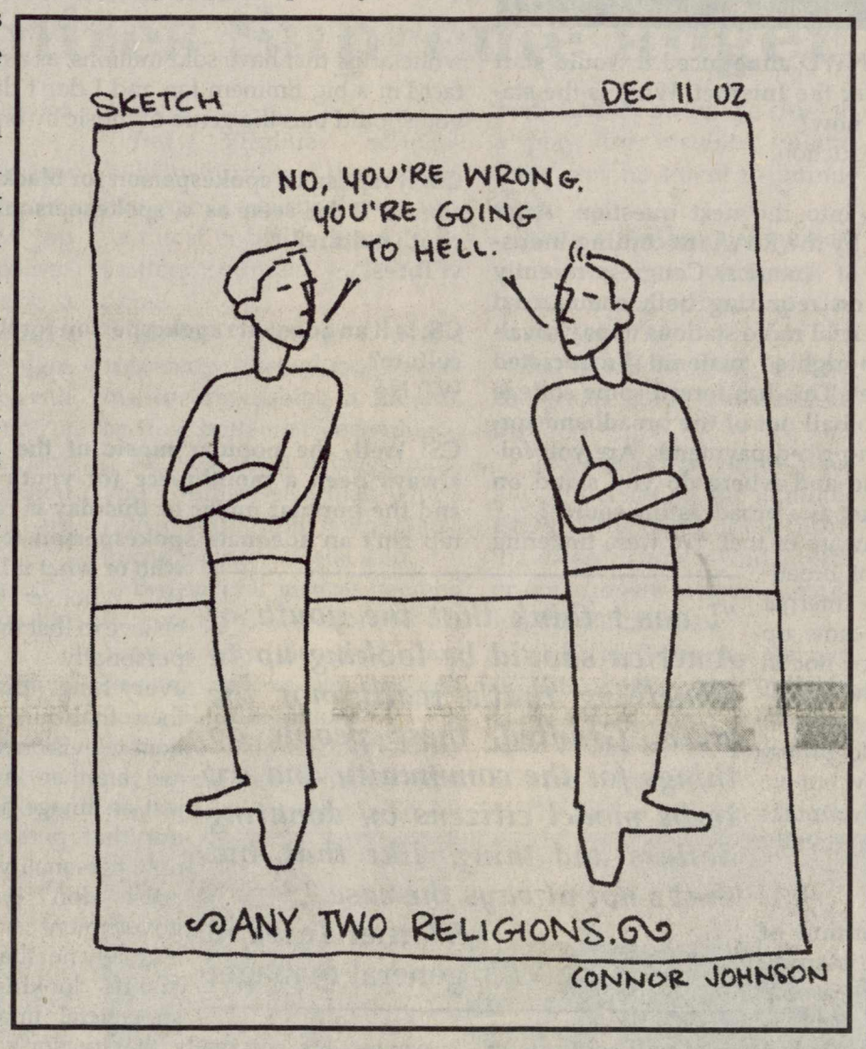
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia's. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to have men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Christianity is inherently weak-minded'

I find it very, very amusing that today, whenever someone tells me that they're a Christian, they also hasten to add (often without pausing for breath) that they aren't a "bad" Christian. They, unlike every other Chrisitan I know, don't shove their beliefs down other people's throats or have a problem with people who don't believe in god. Listen, kiddo, you as a Christian have a duty inbuilt in your religion to convert me. Don't deny it. Besides, nothing you can say to me is going to destroy the stigma I associate with religion in general and Christianity in particular. Yes, I said I associate a stigma with Christianity, and it has nothing to do with how hard you might try to convert me or how often you tell me my godless, heathen ass is going to Satan's eternal barbecue.

Christianity is inherently weak-minded. God promises you an eternity of happiness and life and all you have to do is exactly what he says every waking moment but, beyond that, you have to actually believe it without any evidence, and God will know if you really believe. Uh, mind control, anyone? The Catholic church is one of the scariest things I know, what with its unlimited and "infallible" power to just spout off commands straight from the mouth of God. The supernatural fits the human psyche much more easily than it does reality. As a Christian, you answer every important question life has to ask with some little comforting piece of mythos and this nebulous "faith" thing, which, as far as I can tell, is just the will to make yourself believe what you really want to believe anyway. You say, "God has a plan!" and then just put your mind right back into autopilot and live your meaningless little life the way everyone else does. Christianity is an agreement to give up on the search for the answers and just accept what some guy (be he your priest or the prophet Ezekiel) tells you.

People who are afraid of what it really means if we actually are just alone on this ball spinning in ten billion miles of nothing all around are the people who turn to religion; it's a refusal of the truth of self-awareness and responsibility. It is setting aside what really matters in favor of outmoded systems of values and meaningless commands against things like homosexuality and shellfish ("Shellfish?" you say? Check Leviticus, with the rest of Yahweh's stupid commands). There's a hard fact you have to face, amigos, and that is the painful truth that all of our social and moral institutions are crumbling because *they're no longer relevant.* We have progressed beyond our species' infancy and we're starting to toddle along, starting to learn that we can learn.

No one stops to think anymore; no one really bothers to find the answers for themselves, starting at zero. We're a race of followers, begging others to tell us what to do and how and, if we're exceptionally curious, why. Most don't want the hassle of having to find our own path; there are already a thousand laid out in front of us. Everyone is so complacent, so happy to buy the latest canned pop manufactured megahit and go to church and watch "Friends." WAKE UP, people! There is no god and there is no one running your life but you.

To Dr. Jones, I would say this: your claim that those of us who do not believe in a god are necessarily incosistent in our beliefs is simply silly, and your claim that Christianity IS consistent in its beliefs is even moreso. You say that without god, there can be no absolute moral system, and to you I say, "Well, duh." Why do we need an "absolute" reason for a system of ethical treatment of others? Isn't the fact that that's just the most agreeable way to do it enough? I want to be free from violence, so I agree not to hurt other people in exchange for the same promise from them; why does it need to be more complicated than that? On a side note, your belief that "everyone knows that there is a god" seems rather convenient as it makes anyone who claims not to a liar or a fool for missing his own inherent knowledge.

Having said my piece, can we please discard this as a topic of discourse for at least a little while? I've had enough ignorant superstition and pathetic attempts to defend it for the moment, thanks. If you are religious, it doesn't mean I don't respect you; it doesn't even mean I don't like you. I just think of you the way I think of people who still insist the Earth is flat: misguided, stubborn, and generally not worth trying to convince otherwise.

Sincerely,
J. Aaron Brown

Logon to *www.currentsauce.com* to see all of the letters submitted this week.

Dear Santa, NSU's students have been good; how about an IM?

Dear Santa,

So, how are things? Things here are rather strenuous. Students are scurrying about trying to get last minute assignments in before finals, but the funny thing is that the professors keep the assignments coming. The assignments never end; just when you think you are finished another assignment is handed to you to be finished ASAP. Do you know how hard it is to write a paper at 3 a.m?

Frustrations are beginning to pile on everyone, especially the students. What can you expect Santa, it is the end of the semester. Bank accounts are dwindling down to zero and the bookstores here will not buy books back. This year bookstore owners are using the old "they are not adopting this one back" trick. Of course my natural response should be "I have something you can adopt," but since the Oprah thing I am trying to be a good boy. Oh, about the Oprah thing, you have forgiven me, right?

This brings me to the purpose of this letter. In the true spirit of Christmas, I believe it is better to give than to receive. So, I have attached a list of people along with a gift I would like for them to receive. If you could please, find it in your heart to get these people the following gifts:

■ **Randall Webb and Peggy Plunkett**

I know the infamous Oprah editorial may have upset Dr. Webb and Natchitoches' celebrity Mrs. Plunkett, so I must make it up to them. That is why tickets for a taping of the Dr. Phil show would be great. Of course Dr. Webb would take Mrs. Brenda and Mrs. Plunkett would take her husband, so if it's not too much I need four tickets. While on the Dr. Phil show, the party could get some advice on how to deal with a hot-headed college newspaper, low life, scum of an editor.

■ **The department of journalism**

Steve Horton and the rest of the journalism staff have had the pleasure of putting up with me for four years now. After being bombarded with questions like "Is this all I need to graduate?" or "Did I do something wrong?" or the many "Can you...?" questions, I think it is only polite that they receive a gift. For all of their hard work and patience could you please make sure they all get one of those...well never mind. They were just reaccredited, what more could they need? Oh yeah, maybe a grant or something.

■ **Current Sauce supporters**

This should not take long. There aren't many supporters, you know. However there are two gentlemen, one of which is a current professor named Alex Aichinger and the other a retired professor who goes by Tommy, who are more than deserving of a gift. So for all of their support, even during the *Sauce*'s times of turmoil, it would be nice for them to have an official "You must be crazy to support the *Sauce*" t-shirt.

■ **Northwestern State University students**

I have the perfect gifts for these guys. They deserve something that should have been given to them a long time ago. For the students of NSU, could you please have your elves build an IM building. We sure are tired of paying for this thing ($75 per semester). Plus, we haven't seen any progress. We have already asked for help from some state contractors and the Catholic church of Boston and both have come up short, so if there is anything you can do.

■ **The *Sauce* staff**

Last but not least, there's my staff. Santa, they have to put up with me everyday. We spend countless hours laying out the newspaper and hanging out in my office, so we all have very little time for ourselves, much less a significant other. So for my staff, I am asking that you find us all dates-you know people of the opposite sex who would like to spend time with a bunch of delirious journalists. Maybe not so much for me or Rob Morgan and Linda Held, well maybe for me (good luck with that), but some of these guys are sexually repressed. We would like nothing more than to go to dinner with someone who is not on staff.

There you have it. I know it is a rather long list but you can do it; you are Santa Claus for heaven's sake. Just think, extra milk and cookies if my date is hot and lacks the qualities of being a complete bitch.

Sincerely,
Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

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Holiday traditions from past to present

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Until the third century, in the year 350, Christmas was celebrated on various dates from December to April.

The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized Dec. 25 as the celebrated day of Christ's birth, which happens to coincide with the pagan holiday, Winter Solstice.

"The date was chosen because people were already celebrating it," Wicca High Priestess Holly Stave said.

The holiday celebrates the birth of a new year and the beginning of winter. Winter Solstice occurs on the shortest day of the year when the sun is at its lowest and weakest point and from then on, the sun will grow stronger and brighter. According to Stave, it is a waiting for the return of the sun. This year's celebration occurs on Dec. 21. The season is celebrated by feasting and exchanging gifts among family and friends.

"It's about joy. It's about happiness and remembering the people you care about," Stave said.

Many common symbols of the holiday season originated from this pagan holiday. Houses were filled with evergreen trees to bring life into the house. Stave said she ties fruits to the trees to make them appear as if they had bloomed again.

As a part of the ceremony, mistletoe was cut and hung in each family's doorway for good luck. The ritual act of kissing under the mistletoe served as a pledge to their friendship.

2,000 years ago the Jewish celebrated holiday Hannakah emerged. Hannakah is the Hebrew word for dedication.

The story is that Syrians overthrew the Jewish temple. Judah, the Maccabee, recaptured the temple and performed a ceremony to cleanse the temple of the corruption of the Syrians.

For the rededication ceremony oil was needed for the sacred lamp. Only one undefiled jug of oil was located and was only supposed to burn one night. The lamp burned eight nights. Hannakah begins this year on Dec. 25 and spans eight days commemorating the miracle of the lamp. The holiday is usually observed in the home.

Hannakah is known as the Festival of Lights. The lights symbolize the lights of religious, national and cultural freedom won by the Maccabees for the Jewish people.

The Jewish candlestick, the menorah, was created out of eight spurs that the Syrians left in the temple. The Jews placed eight candles on each of the eight spurs. Each night the family chants blessing and lights the festive candle until all eight candles are burning.

In 1966, Kwanzaa, an African-American cultural holiday, was established by Maulana Ron Karenga. Kwanzaa is derived from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits." The holiday is celebrated over a span of 7 days from Dec. 26 until Jan. 1.

The holiday developed in an era when African-Americans had reached their peak of freedom and gained their own identity. It focuses on seven principles that encourage African-Americans to recognize their heritage in order to have a better life in the future.

The creation of Kwanzaa sought to amend the cultural and economic exploitation targeted towards Americans during the Christmas season. African-Americans who celebrate this holiday exchange handmade gifts among family and friends.

"I wanted to bring back the tradition of these seven values—not just to know of them, but to be a part of a daily schedule," Diane Jones, associate director of cultural diversity, said.

The seven principles are embodied in candles placed in a candlestick holder called a kinara. The black candle in the middle represents unity and is the first candle lit. Each night a candle is lit from left to right and one of the seven principles is discussed.

The three red candles on the left represent self-determination, collective work and responsibility, and cooperative economics.

The three green candles on the right represent purpose, creativity, and faith.

Each day the people celebrating Kwanzaa fast until the evening meal, but on the sixth day of Kwanzaa a feast is held.

The seven Kwanzaa principles are ideas that African-Americans use for everyday life.

"It is something you want to live by," Jones said.

Review: Christmas Gala: 'The Heartbeat of Christmas'

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The NSU School of Creative and Performing Arts set the atmosphere for Christmas cheer during Gala 2002 on Dec. 6 at 7 and 9 p.m.

The theme of this year's gala was "The Heartbeat of Christmas."

A little drummer boy, who was set to represent the heartbeat and renewing of life, extended the theme throughout the performance.

With a simple fairy tale-like set, the cast shows off Santa's toys and elves by greeting the audience before the show.

The story is about Santa Claus, played by Eric Englehardt, who hires a high-class head elf named Jerome, which was played by Adam Louis Breaux.

"The show is done in a through line where the theme works into the show, and the actors rehearse separately," Mollye Otis, writer and artistic director of the Gala said.

With life size toys, such as the Transformer played by Jacob Smith and the James Brown-singing jack-in-the-box played by Dezmond Meeks, the show was musical and brings back fond childhood memories.

"It was very entertaining and extremely moving," Miss Natchitoches City of Lights Jenny Corder said.

The Gala ended with the narration "One Solitary Night" read by Jack Wann. The narration remembers this season as the birth of baby Jesus.

"It took about four weeks to rehearse this production, and it was a lot of hard work. It was a very good script," Breaux said.

Photo by Monica Williams

Gala performers pose after performing Friday night. The Gala featured music, dancing, and a small play.

What do NSU students want this Christmas?

By Sauce Reporter

Money is a very big part of Christmas. As the bank statements get smaller and smaller over the semester money is at the top of most students' lists.

"I want money to replenish what I've spent this past semester," sophomore Erika Kendrick said.

"Money, that's all I want," sophomore Crystal Ward said.

Terrance Clay, a senior business administration major, summed it up in one word.

"Cash," Clay said.

Money is one of the top gifts to be received during the holidays, but there are other items on students' wish lists.

Cars are a popular desire.

"A new shiny car," freshman Elliot Westphal said.

Some students even know what kind of car they want.

"A blue Lexus," sophomore Regina Green said.

"A Honda Accord," sophomore Katie Hartmann said.

One student's wish sounds like he has practiced quite a few times what he'll ask Santa for.

"A '79 Jeep CJ 7 with six inches of suspension width and about two inches of body lift with some 38 TSL super swampers, and a 350 with Detroit front and rear locking differentials," freshman Ross Schexnayder said.

Electronics always seem to sneak under the tree somehow, and with new technology coming out every day students want a piece of it.

"I want a digital camera with the video player and the camera part, sweaters and clothes," psychology major Karlo Rivera said.

"I would like a Nintendo Game Cube with some cool accessories and games," junior Brandon Wilks said.

CDs, DVDs and DVD players are on many people's lists.

" A DVD player and a whole bunch of CDs," music education major Aundria Brown said.

"A DVD home theater," sophomore Jacob Pdaune said.

Simple gifts are nice, too.

Big wishes are just as important as the small things.

"I want gloves for Christmas," junior Cecelia Mcalvy said.

"Pay off my tickets," social work major Kayla Myers said.

While some students wish for material items, some also have personal wishes as well.

Family members and friends may be far away but they are still close to heart.

"I get to see my dad for Christmas! That's what I want for Christmas, I want my dad to come home from work so I can spend time with him," elementary education major Crystal Mallett said.

"My son is in San Diego, so it would be nice to have him home for Christmas," fine arts instructor Vicki Parish said.

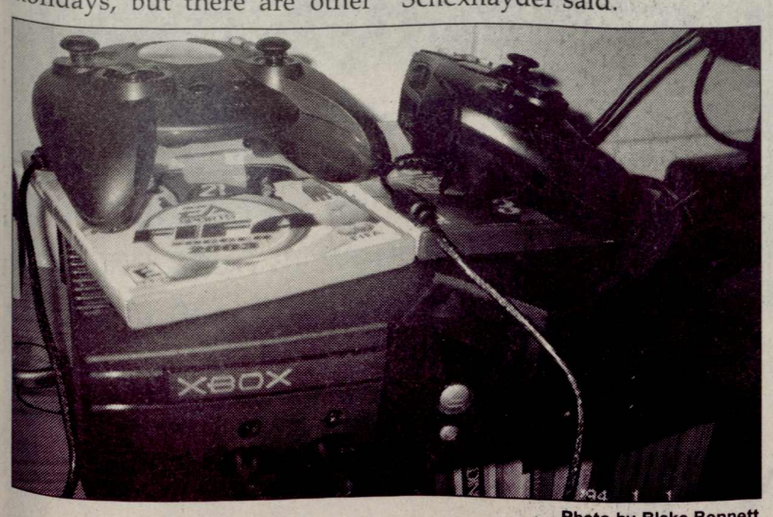
"A trip to Chicago to see my fiends," sophomore Cathy Yatcko said.

Christmas is a time for remembering the world can be a better place.

"I want world peace wrapped up in a bow," theater major Brian Jarreau said.

Even college students still have a spark of magic left in them when it comes to that jolly old fellow.

"I really want to see Santa Claus for Christmas. That's what I really want for Christmas," senior and journalism major Stacey Thompson said.



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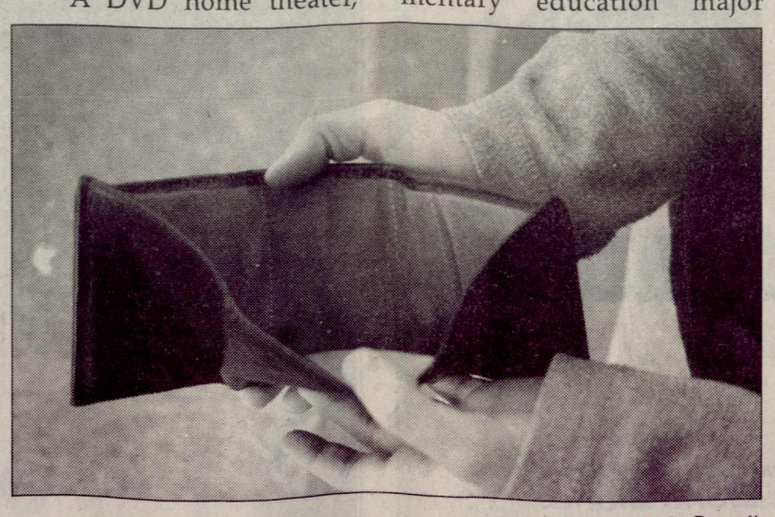
X-Boxes are on the Christmas lists of many college students.



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Money is a popular and generous gift to recieve.

City of Lights: December Calender of events

Thursday: Johnsonville Big Taste Grill (through the 14th). Downtown riverbank

Friday: Extravagant Grace concert. 6:30 p.m. Fleur de Lis stage.

Saturday: Children's Christmas Party 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Old Courthouse Museum.

EJ Colvin Dancers 6 p.m.

Fireworks 7 p.m. Cane River Lake, immediately following Jay Cormier and Cajun Country

"A Christmas Carol" 8 p.m. Natchitoches Arts Center

Tour of historic homes 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by the Natchitoches Historic Fountation,

Sunday: "A Christmas Carol" 3 p.m. Natchitoches Art Center

Living with migraines

Courtesy KRT services

Claudia Keith remembers, as a little girl, being taken into her grandmother's darkened room. "Shush," her mother would tell her, reminding her to talk quietly and not to sit on the bed.

Not until years later, when she was having "blinding, sick, throwing up" headaches of her own, did Keith realize that her grandmother's "sick headaches" were migraines.

That genetic connection is a classic part of migraine headaches, said physician Anne Walling, a professor of family and community medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

Also classic are migraine symptoms: severe pain, usually on one side of the head, that is accompanied by nausea or vomiting, and is made worse by exercise or movement, bright lights, loud sounds and certain smells.

"Every patient has their own variation on that theme," Walling said, "but most patients have all those things."

Keith, who grew up in western Kansas and now lives in Wichita, said she's had migraines since she was a teen. Hers typically begin with spots of light in front of her eyes and progress to severe pain that affects vision in her left eye.

"The really bad ones, they've incapacitated me. I've lost jobs because of them," she said.

Most people who have the genetic tendency toward migraines first experience them in their teens or early 20s, Walling said. But they often show signs of the problems to come at an earlier age: "They'll tend to have a lot of vomiting as kids," and they often get carsick.

Migraines are caused by an abnormality in the biochemistry of the brain, Walling said. "You're born with it."

Migraines have been documented since 2600 B.C., when ancient Egyptians referred to "half-head disease," Walling said. By 150 A.D., the classic symptoms were being described.

About one-fifth of migraine patients can tell a headache is coming on long before they feel the pain. They experience flashing lights or changes in eyesight or visual auras, Walling said. Other patients may feel woozy, as Walling does, or may get extremely hungry.

A few hours later, the debilitating pain begins.
Many patients discover their migraines are triggered by foods, weather patterns or menstrual cycle.

Keith said aged cheeses, pickled foods and wine produce a "prickly" feeling on the left side of her head that's a precursor of migraines. "I try to stay away from most of that stuff."

Migraine pain can last from a short time to three days, and getting a patient through the attack is the basis of treatment.

Sleep usually stops the pain. "They wake up, they feel all right," Walling said.

For many, analgesics such as aspirin will make it possible to sleep. For some, caffeine works. But the nausea and vomiting that many sufferers experience make aspirin and coffee not suitable for them.

A number of medications that relieve the symptoms or shorten the duration of migraines have been developed in the past decade or so.

First came ergotamines, then triptans. Both are considered cerebral vasoconstrictor abortive agents, and which one works depends on the patient: One medication may be best for someone whose symptoms come on without warning; another is better for the person whose migraine goes on for days.

Some medication is available in nose spray, injectable or suppository form, for those who can't keep pills down.

Keith has found relief with Topamax, a drug developed to treat epilepsy.

Through the years, she has tried other drugs, some of which worked for a while but lost their effectiveness. She started Topamax in February.

Her migraines typically were most frequent in April and August.

Topamax also suppresses the appetite; Keith has lost about 60 pounds, much of it weight that she gained as a side effect of other medications.

Walling said there's a danger with medications, in addition to the side effects they have. Taking the medicines too often, she said, can result in rebound headaches because the nervous system doesn't have a chance to reset itself between headaches.

Though many more women than men experience migraines, they are by no means strictly a female problem.

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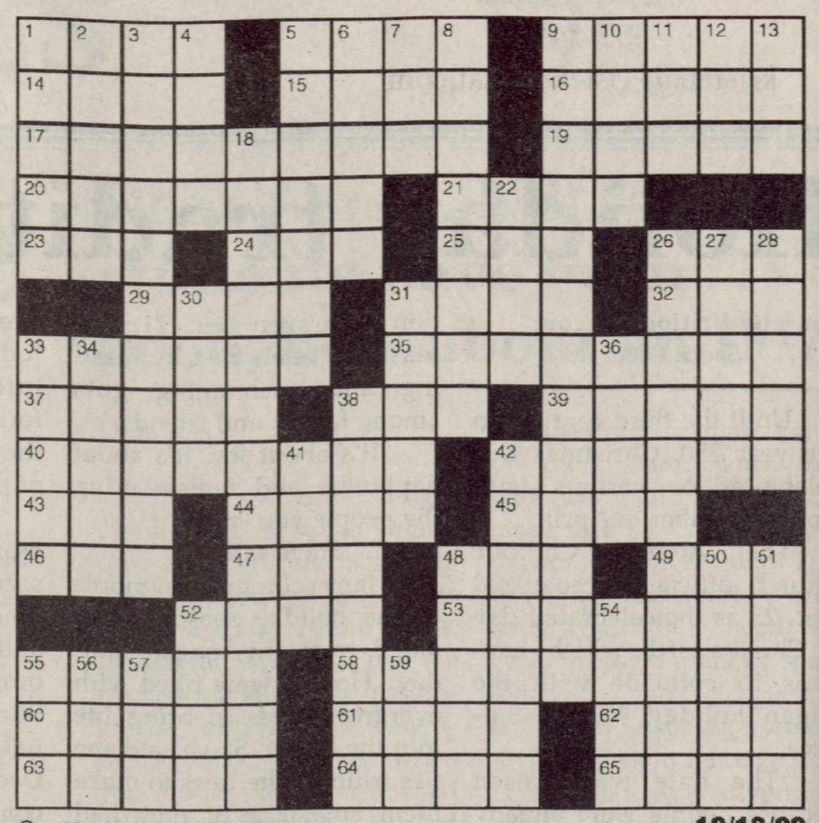

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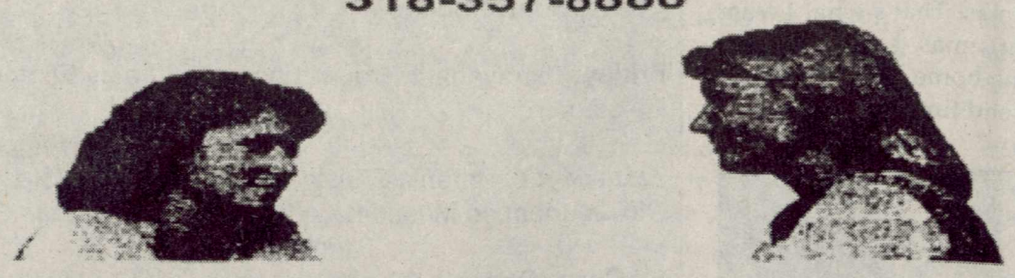

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SPORTS

Football: McNeese State advances to semifinals

Courtesy of Southland.org

For nearly three quarters, it appeared as if over 15,000 McNeese State fans would leave Cowboy Stadium dazed and confused as Montana built a 17-0 lead in the second round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Up until the 1:39 mark of the third quarter, McNeese had done nothing but miss a field goal and fail to score after first-and-goal at the Montana two late in the first half.The miscues led the defending national champion Grizzlies to a 10-0 halftime lead. Montana added another score early in the third period for a 17-point cushion.

The lead seemed insurmountable considering McNeese was facing a Montana team which knew how to put games away. Also consider two Cowboy quarterbacks had completed 2-of-16 passes during the first 30 minutes of play. Included was 0-of-10 accuracy by starter Scott Pendarvis.

Somehow, all that happened in the first 43 minutes did not matter. The Cowboys used the final 17 to pull off a 24-20 win. Receiver B.J. Sams and backup quarterback Ryan Corcoran, along with a determined defense got the job done. Corcoran hit 12-of-21 passes for 197 yard, including touchdown strikes of 35 and 11 yards to Sams. The first cut the lead to 17-7 at the 1:39 mark of the third. The latter came on a third-and-goal at the 17-yard line with 3:45 left in the game to give McNeese its first lead at 21-20. Corcoran finished with seven catches for 147 yards.

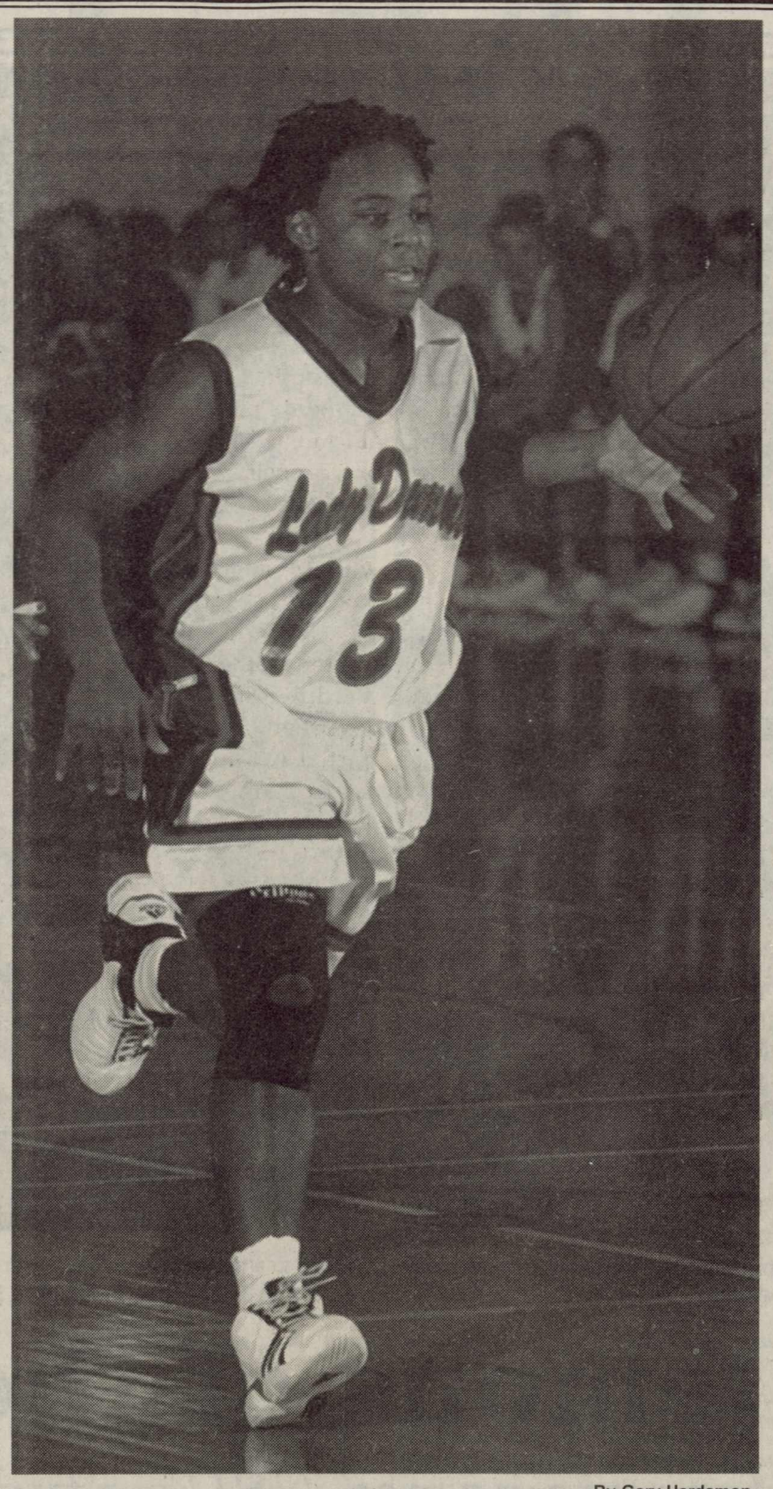
McNeese had advanced to the quarterfinals by snapping a three-game, first-round losing streak as it fought off a pesky Montana State club, 21-14, in front of 16,211 fans in Lake Charles, La., a week earlier.

Now McNeese turns its attention to Villanova (11-3) for the right to advance to the Dec. 20 national championship game in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Cowboys (12-1) will host the Wildcats at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

McNeese, making its 10th playoff appearance after cruising through the Southland Conference schedule undefeated at 6-0, upped its record to 10-9 all-time in I-AA playoff action. The Cowboys lead all Southland teams with the 10 victories.

The Cowboys are making their second appearance in the postseason tournament as the No. 1 seed after advancing to the semifinals in 1995 as the favorite. That year, McNeese dropped a 25-15 decision to Marshall. More recently, McNeese advanced to the national championship game, losing it, 10-9, to Youngstown State in 1997. That was the last year McNeese has advanced as far as the semis, having lost the first-round tilts the last three showings.

Southland Conference Player of the Year Hadley Prince leads his Cowboys into the semifinals this week. The Cowboys are riding an eight-game winning streak. McNeese's only loss this season was a 38-14 setback at Nebraska. McNeese is 7-0 at home in 2002 and has posted a 17-2 record in Cowboy Stadium over the past three years.



By Gary Hardamon

Point guard La'Terrica Dobin was named the Southland Conference Player of the Week Monday due to her stellar performance in the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational. In the Lady Demons win against Idaho State Saturday, Dobin scored 20 points and reached a school and SLC record 20 assists in their win over the Idaho Lady Bengals. The NCAA record for assists, set in 1991, stands at 23.

Dobin named SLC player of the week

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State point guard La'Terrica Dobin was named the Southland Conference Player of the Week after her performance last weekend at the Rice Tournament, the conference office announced Monday.

Dobin, a junior from Bossier City, had a game for the ages Saturday against Idaho State as she scored 20 points and dished out a school and Southland Conference record 20 assists in a 97-84 win over the Lady Bengals. The NCAA record for assists in a game is 23 set by Kent State's Michelle Burden in 1991.

In Friday's loss to 11th-ranked Arkansas, Dobin scored 5 points and had 11 assists. So far this season, Dobin has averaged 7.0 points and 12.50 assists per game and is on pace to become the national assists leader for the second straight season. Her 75 total assists are 52 more than Tisha Guy of Southeastern, who is second behind Dobin in the Southland Conference.

Dobin is the second NSU Lady Demon to earn player of the week honors this season as Angela Davidson took the honors after the first week of the season.

Demons lose to Oklahoma St. 77-51

Courtesy of Sports Information

There was frustration on the Oklahoma State sideline Sunday while Northwestern State basketball coach Mike McConathy was admittedly proud of his Demons despite a 77-51 loss to the Eddie Sutton-coached Cowboys.

For more than 30 of the game's 40 minutes, Northwestern (0-5) went toe-to-toe with OSU (5-1), but the Cowboys closed the first half with a devastating 29-11 run fueled by scoring off 15 turnovers by the Demons.

Freshman forward Byron Allen scored a game-high 18 points and snared 9 rebounds for Northwestern, which got 12 points from freshman forward Clifton Lee.

The Demons outrebounded the Cowboys 19-14 in the second half and were nipped 36-35 on the boards overall. Oklahoma State shot 52 percent from the field, hitting better than half its shots in both halves, and took advantage of 28 turnovers by Northwestern.

"I thought we got better today," McConathy said, who called Saturday's loss at Wichita State the Demons' poorest overall performance. "I'm not saying I'm proud of a 26-point loss, but I am proud of the effort we gave and the way that we hung tough and had a lot of productive minutes. I thought we defended very well for some long stretches, especially at the start of the second half."

The only two Oklahoma State baskets in the first seven minutes after halftime came off NSU turnovers. Northwestern played the entire second half without standout freshman forward Jermaine Spencer, who reaggravated a sprained ankle in the first half and was limited to 9 minutes of play.

"But don't misunderstand. He (McConathy) is a very good coach," Sutton said. "They have 12 freshmen and they do play well for having young players. He does a good job with the ballclub. They did play hard today."

Oklahoma State's 18 steals was the third-highest total in school history. The Cowboys shot over 50 percent from the field for only the second time this year, and the first time against a Division I opponent.

The Demons, the youngest team in Division I basketball, hit just 39 percent of their shots. Allen sank 7 of 15 from the field and Lee was 4-9.

"I thought we had some good contributions from several other guys," McConathy said. "You don't see it in the stat lines, but Carl Jones gave us a good inside presence and Michael Edwards played his best game this year. Jermaine Wallace and Tyronn Mitchell were much better. We've just got to get tougher and stronger and that was obvious as they took control."

NSU plays its first home game next Saturday afternoon at 4 when Grambling visits Prather Coliseum in the Demons' last action before Christmas.

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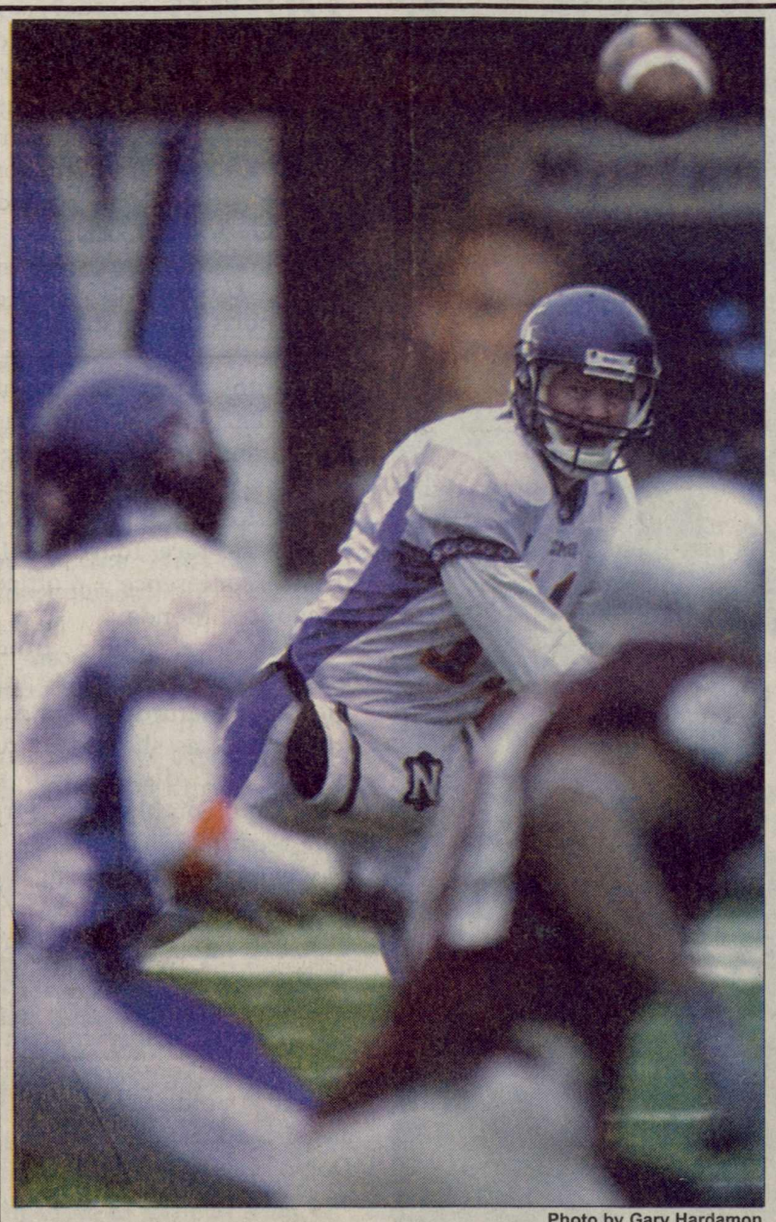

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Beach is the senior quaterback for the Demons. He has thrown for more than 2,100 yards in the past two seasons.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Stone is a senior outside hitter with the Demon volleyball team.She is NSU's all-time leader in attacks (3,716) and digs (1,150).

NSU Demons of the year

Beach and Stone are named NSU's Student-Athletes

Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior quarterback Ben Beach and record-setting senior outside hitter Christina Stone have been named Student-Athletes of the Year by Northwestern State for their academic and athletic achievements.

Beach and Stone were NSU's nominees for the Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year awards to be presented Tuesday in San Antonio.

They were selected by a panel including director of athletics Greg Burke and academic advisor for athletics Julie Lessiter, after being nominated by their head coaches.

Beach

Stone

Beach, a biology major from Shreveport-Northwood, carries a 3.85 grade point average. He threw for 572 yards and 4 touchdowns this season, helping the Demons go 9-4 and reach the Division I-AA football playoffs. He threw for more than 2,100 yards in two seasons.

As a junior in 2000 before redshirting in 2001, Beach steered the Demons to last-minute comeback victories at Louisiana-Lafayette and against McNeese State.

He is a member of the student-athlete advisory council at NSU.

Stone, a nursing major from The Woodlands, Texas, with a 3.39 grade point average, ended her Demon volleyball career ranking among the best players in three decades at NSU. She is second all-time in school history in kills (1,246) and is the all-time leader in attacks (3,716) and digs (1,150).

This season, she set the school single-season mark for attacks (1,169) and was second all-time in kills (415) and fourth in digs (370). Stone was honorable mention All-SLC, marking only the second time a Northwestern player has received that recognition.

"Christina and Ben have set wonderful examples for current and future student-athletes at Northwestern by making the most of their academic and athletic pursuits," Burke said. "We're very proud to recognize them in this manner."

Stone and Beach were nominees for Verizon Academic All-America honors and are on the ballots for Academic All-Southland Conference recognition to be announced next month.

Lady Demons take third at Rice

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons basketball snapped a four-game losing streak by placing third at the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational with a 97-84 win over the Idaho State Lady Bengals Saturday at Autry Court.

Junior guard La'Terrica Dobin was down right unstoppable against the Lady Bengals finishing with 20 points and 20 assists. Her 20-assist performance was the best in school history and was the eighth best performance in NCAA history.

"Incredible how she played, we have been waiting for that to happen, for her to have her breakout game and she did extremely well running the court and finding the open person," assistant coach Kia Converse said.

The Lady Demons were on fire from behind the arch in Houston tying a school record with 14 three-pointers and hitting 14 of 19 from behind the arch. In the first half the Lady Demons were cooking, hitting 9-11 from behind the 3-point line and shooting a combined 61 percent from the field.

NSU ended the first half with a 24-9 run and led by 28 at the break. Angela Davidson led the Lady Demons in the first half scoring 16 points on 6-6 shooting.

Idaho State cut the lead to 10 in the second half making a late charge but the Lady Demons hit a couple of late three pointers to seal the victory in Houston.

> *"A much better effort this weekend and we played better overall and we are working hard."*
> **-Kia Converse**
> Demon assistant coach

Dobin led all Lady Demons with her outstanding night followed by Davidson's 20 points and 6 rebounds. Sophomore Diamond Cosby finished strong with 15 points on 6 of 8 shooting from the floor followed by Amanda Bennett's 14 points. Anna Means and Katrina Swanigan each scored 12 points as six Lady Demons were in double figures for the Saturday game against Idaho State.

In the opening game on Friday against the Lady Razorbacks, the Lady Demons did not fare so well. Northwestern lost a tough one 79-60 to No. 11 ranked Arkansas.

The Lady Demons came out fired up to play matching Arkansas basket for basket over the first 10 minutes of the first half. Then the Lady Razorbacks pulled away and upped the led to 20 before the Lady Demons made a run and cut the led to 12 at halftime.

In the second half, NSU closed the gap to 10 but the Lady Razorbacks would answer going on a 30-11 run to ice the game. Cosby lifted a spark off the bench scoring 13 points.

Cosby and Davidson were the only Lady Demons in double figures as Davidson finished with 10 points. Dobin dished out 11 assists equaling her SLC-leading season average. Swanigan followed with 9 points and seven rebounds while Ashley Sparkman provided some help with 9 points, four rebounds and three blocked shots on the night.

"A much better effort this weekend and we played better overall and we are working hard," Converse said.

Up next for the Lady Demons will have nine days off before their next game as they host Prairie View A&M, Dec. 16 at Prather Coliseum.

Lady Demons

Dec. 16	Prairie View A&M 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	SLU 5:00 p.m.
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Home games in bold

Demon tennis gets ready for spring

Heath Morris
Sauce Reporter

What do six girls, a racket, and a yellow ball mean to Northwestern? Yep, you got it, our own Lady Demon tennis team.

The Lady Demon tennis team is back at it again playing this year, and making a run to win Southland Conference Championship.

Last spring the Demon's were able to make it to the conference tournament, but would only finish No. 6 in the tournament and in the Southland Conference. The ladies were able to pull off a 12-12 record overall in all their matches, and finished 6-6 in Conference play.

This fall the tennis team participated in five tournaments at Texas Christian University, competing with a lot of other schools from Texas and Louisiana. These tournaments focused on individual performance, rather than team or conference play.

Camila Prado was able to play her way in to a semi quarter round

"These tournaments have helped us improve for the fall season in conference," Prado said.

Teammate Alexandra Neito made it to a finals also.

"I played well and I lost to some pretty good girls. I learned and have more experience," Neito said.

Right now the Lady Demon tennis team is preparing for another grueling season this spring. They will participate in 21 conference and non-conference matches all over the South. The team currently has five athletes and is in search of another one or two more girls to fill the mandated minimum of six girls to the roster.

On Feb. 8 the Demons will open up their season to Southern Mississippi, so keep and eye out for our tennis team.

Title IX under scrutiny by federal advisory board

Courtesy of KRT Campus

A federal advisory commission met in Philadelphia Tuesday to begin drafting a report on whether to revise the enforcement of Title IX, the 30-year-old law that has helped enhance opportunities for women in college athletics.

The 15-member Secretary's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, which has held four public hearings around the country in recent months, is to present its findings and recommendations to U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige by Jan. 31.

Paige created the commission in June after litigation was filed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. The lawsuit challenges Title IX regulations, which date to 1979.

Over the last 20 years, at least 171 men's wrestling programs have been scrapped by colleges and universities; many of the institutions cited Title IX requirements as one of the reasons they did away with the programs.

Under current regulations, a school can demonstrate compliance by showing it meets one of three standards: that it provides athletic opportunities in proportion to male/female enrollment; that it has a history of expanding programs to benefit the underrepresented sex; or that it is accommodating the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.

Some proponents of women's athletics fear that the commission will attempt to make it easier for institutions to move away from proportionality and to rely instead on the third prong in which they can use surveys of the student body to determine what they have to provide.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
La'Terrica Dobin, Angela Davidson and team bring the ball down the court during the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational. The Lady Demons took the third in at the invitational. Off for a nine-day stretch, the Demons host Prairie View A&M Dec. 16, at Prather Coliseum.

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Audit review slow

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

There are no developments in the investigation proceedings involving an alleged misuse of $60,000 by three former NSU faculty members Alvin Brosette, Sherman Vogel and Glenn Moffett.

"All three have been placed on official paid administrative leave," Vice President of Academic Affairs and University Provost Thomas Burns said.

Brosette, Moffett and Vogel are currently appealing the University's actions through a committee that will decide the outcome of their employment at NSU.

"If the appeals committee determines that the faculty members acted inappropriately as related by the legislative audit then they can be dismissed," Burns said.

Since the three faculty members were all tenured employees they have the right, under the NSU faculty handbook, to appeal their dismissal, which occurred shortly after the audit's initial findings.

The results of the appeal would then recommend action to University president Randall Webb. Webb could then either uphold or reject the results.

The Current Sauce was unable to reach president Webb to get his opinion on the ongoing appeal and its possible repercussions.

If any of the three faculty members are unsatisfied with the results of the appeal they can then make another appeal

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Student wins NSU's first Marshall scholarship

By Tasha Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Senior Louisiana Scholars' College student Alex Billioux is the first recipient of the British Marshall scholarship in NSU's history.

"I found out quickly. I never expected it, and I am very honored," Billioux said.

Marshall scholarships provide financing for up to 40 scholars to study at the graduate or undergraduate level in the United Kingdom.

"I didn't really enter into it until recently. It is a great honor but comes with a lot of pressures," Billioux said.

Other Marshall recipients come from universities such as Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, MIT, the University of Texas and the University of Washington.

"Coming from a school not

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NSU Iraq

As America plans to expand its war on terror, some NSU students are forced to put their education on hold in the shadow of a conflict with

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

American and British firepower continues to build in the Gulf region this week, as Iraq still has not satisfied questions about stockpiling weapons of mass destruction.

Currently, 60,000 U.S troops are populating the region and Britain's aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal sails toward the Gulf leading the countries' biggest naval deployment in 20 years.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfield recently signed orders for an additional 67,000 troops.

Freddie Duncan, a freshman journalism student at NSU, has been put on deployment notice and looks to depart in late February or early March. While most NSU students marked the beginning of the semester with fee payment lines and first days of class, Duncan spent his time getting signatures from his department head and the financial aid, business affairs and the registrar's offices to complete his resignation.

"They made it easier than I thought it would be," Duncan said. "It took probably 45 minutes. I didn't want to take the risk of staying in school and owing money."

Pentagon administration officials hope the size of the gathering forces will provide enough pressure on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to give up the chemical and biological weapons that he insists do not exist.

Tareq Aziz, Iraqi deputy prime minister, deems U.S. war as a pretext to controlling Iraq's vast oil reserves, a view shared by many Arabs.

"The objective of an American aggression on Iraq lies in the deterioration of the American economy and attempts by the Bush administration to control Arab oil and oil prices," Aziz said as reported by the Iraqi News Agency.

This is the second time in Duncan's career with the U.S. Marine Corps and NSU that Uncle Sam has summoned him. In the fall of 2002, he dropped out of school and journeyed for the tropical lands of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Duncan, like many Marines at "Gitmo," served his country by watching the miles of metal fencing separating the base from Cuban territory.

Controlling the action while U.S. forces are in Iraq is Central Command commander Gen. Tommy Franks. The decisions of an amphibious attack from the northern Persian Gulf, an Army-led land attack into southern Iraq and other strategic attacks are left to Franks' discretion.

Defense analysts believe that if Iraqi troops step aside as they did during the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam could be out of power within weeks. Of course, if the regular army fights and the elite Republican Guard join in the fighting may be prolonged.

As part of his arsenal against a U.S. invasion, Saddam has looked into the use of militias to defend Baghdad and the practice of urban warfare, according to USAToday.

Unsure of where he is going, Duncan has the possibility of North Carolina, California or Iraq. If he does travel to Iraq, he said he would be a couple of miles from the line of battle. His official job in the Marines is to man a mortar, but he occsionally serves as a grunt, or infantryman.

"I'm not excited or upset, this is the second time it has happened," Duncan said. "I am not glad or sad about it. It is something I have to do."

Thieves break into KNWD, CAPA, Union

By Linda D. Held
Sauce Reporter

Several buildings on campus, unlocked vehicles and unattended book sacks and purses became crime scenes as thieves helped themselves to what was inside.

"Some people broke into both of the ATM rooms at the Student Union," University Police Detective Doug Prescott said. "No money was taken. They weren't able to get into the machines, just the rooms."

Prescott said the third floor lab of the Creative and Performing Arts building was also hit.

KNWD took a loss over the holiday when someone busted the outside glass door, breaking in and stealing several hundreds of dollars in equipment.

"There was a report of vandalism the night of graduation," Warner Tureaud, KNWD general manager, said. "And I checked the offices and I checked the studio to make sure the computers and the rest of the production equipment was there, but I forgot to check our remote equipment."

That remote equipment, valued at around $1,700, was, according to Tureaud, stolen.

Prescott said that the theft is still under investigation and the University Police have a few leads on the thief.

The campus has still suffered from its fair share of small thefts, according to Prescott.

"Most of the thefts were from unlocked vehicles and book bags and purses lying around. They were just looking for quick cash," Prescott said.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Construction equipment is parked outside the Family and Consumer Sciences building. Renovations on FACS and Morrison Hall have been progressing since last semester with few difficulties.

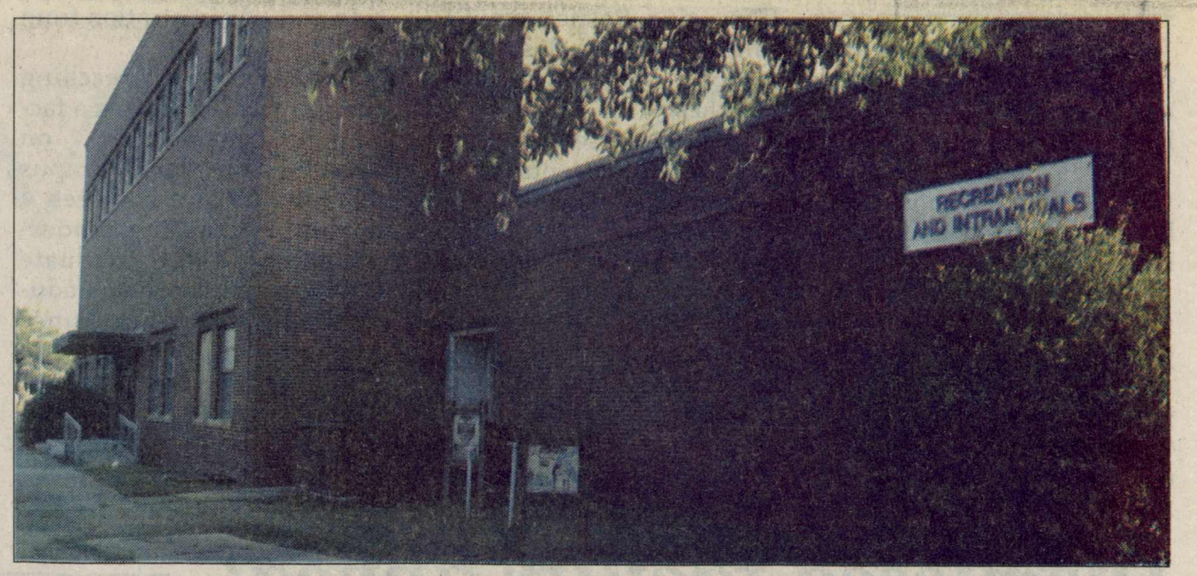

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
The Recreation and Intramurals building remains closed and unused by students and facutly. Long-delayed renovations hit one more snag, as the state has to approve a budget adjusted for inflation.

Another catch: IM snagged by own delays

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

University administrators said the only hold-up left on breaking ground on the new Fitness and Wellness Center is state approval of a new construction budget.

The approval is required because delays on the project have taken long enough to allow inflation of the dollar from the last six years to increase costs.

"We're going to start this semester," Intramural Director Mark Deshotel said. He is confident that the last delay preventing the renovation of the IM building will soon be resolved.

Deshotel explained that the current hold-up was purely a matter of paper work. The IM renovation had to be approved by the state before the school could begin any aspect of it.

> *"We're going to start this semester."*
> –Mark Deshotel
> Intramural Director

The state had already approved the renovations before the school began collecting money for the project in 1996. Due to delays, however, the plan then approved by the state is no longer applicable.

"Our projected figures for the cost were from three years ago," Deshotel said. Due to the natural two to three percent inflation rate in our country, the total cost of the project rose slightly.

This new cost exceeds the previously approved budget for the project. In order to change the budget, the new numbers have to be examined by the state government and approved.

"I think the state will be considerate of our situation," Deshotel said. He said the progress already made on the project should be enough to convince the government.

The bidding process has been completed and a Farmersville construction agency

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NSU22 weekend forecast

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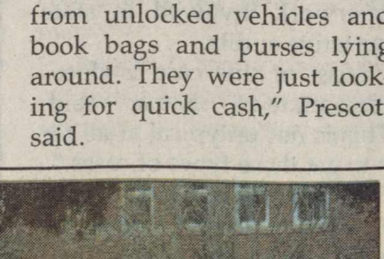

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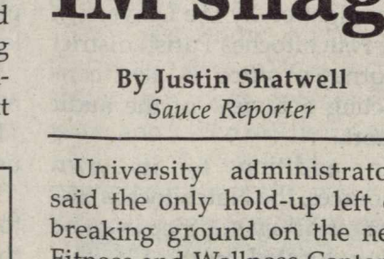

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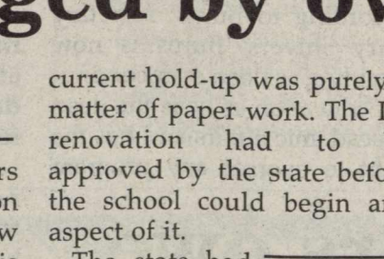

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Bush sides against affirmative action in Supreme Court battle

By Steven Thomma and Diego Ibarguen
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON—Wading into a racially charged issue that has polarized Americans for two generations, President Bush said Wednesday that he would challenge the use of racial preferences in admissions to public universities while proposing an alternative way to guarantee diversity in college classrooms.

Bush's challenge could prove to be a historic turning point in America's efforts to overcome its legacy of racial discrimination. If the Supreme Court follows his approach, efforts to achieve diversity in higher education—and by extension, in other institutions throughout society—could shift to standards based on merit tests or socioeconomic class rather than race.

The president instructed administration lawyers to make the argument in a brief filed Thursday at the Supreme Court, in a case challenging the use of racial preferences in admissions at the University of Michigan. It is the first time the high court has considered a challenge to affirmative action in college admissions since 1978, and its ruling could affect all public colleges. The court will hear oral arguments in March.

Bush's move comes at a time when race, always a strong undercurrent in American politics, has re-emerged as a dominant issue. His two-step approach Wednesday aimed to take back the initiative on racial politics by simultaneously appealing to two groups, conservatives who oppose racial preferences and moderates who want to see the government help minorities get a leg up.

"I support diversity of all kinds, including racial diversity in higher education," the president said in a brief, televised statement from the White House. "But the method used by the University of Michigan to achieve this important goal is fundamentally flawed. At their core, the Michigan policies amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards or penalizes perspective students solely on their race."

Bush criticized the Michigan system as fundamentally unfair and unconstitutional. He noted that the point system it uses to grade applicants assigns more points for being a racial minority than for getting a perfect score on the SAT test.

"The motivation for such an admissions policy may be very good, but its result is discrimination, and that discrimination is wrong," the president said.

He said the country should look to a different way of assuring diversity in admissions. He pointed to systems in California, Florida and Texas that guarantee admissions for the top graduates of every high school. Those color-blind systems have maintained diversity in the state college systems without overtly using race as a criterion.

"In these states," he said, "race-neutral policies have resulted in levels of minority attendance for incoming students that are close to, and in some cases slightly surpass, those under the old race-based approach."

Bush decided on a "narrowly tailored" legal attack that addresses only the policies at the University of Michigan, without categorically arguing that race never can be a factor in admissions.

Marshall winner

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as nationally known as the other schools, it gives you a lot of respect that you'd get at larger schools," Billioux said.

Billioux is majoring in liberal arts and sciences with a concentration in scientific inquiry and minors in classics, biology, chemistry, and philosophy.

He plans to spend the next two years doing cancer-related gene therapy research at Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine at the University of Oxford. He plans to work towards a master's of science degree in clinical medicine. If his scholarship is extended a third year, he will work toward a doctorate in molecular angiogenesis.

Billioux said that he sees the Marshall program as a break before entering medical school after returning to the United States.

Billioux was also a Louisiana state representative and a finalist for Rhodes scholarship. He was one of the 14 people selected to compete for the scholarship from eight southeastern states.

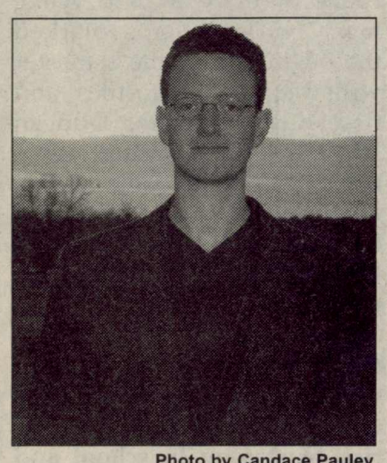

Photo by Candace Pauley
Alex Billioux won the prestigious Marshall scholarship.

Leesville names interim director

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Larry E. Monk has been named interim executive director of NSU's Leesville/Fort Polk campus.

Monk's contract ends on June 30, and the position is being advertised to find the best candidate for the job.

Monk said that he has not made plans to apply for the job.

"It is challenging. I have a great love for NSU, and I want to provide more services for the students and community," Monk said.

Monk plans to provide the teachers certification PREP (Preparing Responsive Educators Program) closer to the campus and surrounding parishes. This program will help to increase the number of graduate students.

Monk also plans to make it easier for military, military-dependant and non-traditional students to attend NSU, as well as expand the course selection after recent enrollment increases.

Monk is an alumnus of NSU with a bachelor and master's degree in business education and distributive education and a doctorate in secondary teaching, supervision and administration from NSU.

Monk has been teaching since 1967. He has been a faculty member on Leesville/Fort Polk campus for 19 years and has been a professor, teaching undergraduate and graduate course in education and educational leadership since 1999.

He was an adjunct professor for more than 20 years, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in computer science, education leadership and educational psychology.

Late executive director Creighton Owen first hired Monk for his position at NSU. Before Owen's death last semester, he recommended Monk as his successor.

"I knew him personally and professionally, and he will be greatly missed," Monk said. "I often counsel people not to follow a legend because they're setting themselves up for failure, but I failed to follow my own advice because I'm following a legend."

Dismissed faculty appeal

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to the University of Louisiana System's appeal board. The rulings of that board will supersede NSU's and will be the final step in the appeals process.

Burns gave a vague timetable for the length of the appeals process.

"I'm not sure exactly how long it will take but usually they take place fairly rapidly," Burns said.

The most prominent faculty member of the three in question is Brosette, the former dean of continuing education. According to Burns' secretary Mary Shivers, Burns is now presiding as dean over continuing education as he is the dean of academic affairs and has the right to oversee any program within that department.

No other members of continuing education could be reached to comment on the current state of the program.

In addition to an internal investigation by the University, the Natchitoches Parish district attorney's office is also conducting a review of the audit report.

In addition to its own resources, the Natchitoches district attorney's office is also being assisted by the U.S. district attorney to see if any federal money was involved in the alleged misallocation.

At press time, the U.S. attorney's office had not contacted Natchitoches Parish district attorney Van Kyzar concerning their findings.

"After an audit is completed by the office of the legislative auditor, if there are potential criminal violations alleged in the audit, it is forwarded to the district attorney of the parish," Kyzar said.

Kyzar said all proceedings were normal for the circumstances and that the length of the investigation is largely due in part to the large load of paperwork involved in state legislative audits.

"Most of this case is document-related," Kyzar said. "This is not untypical at all for us to get these types of cases."

Kyzar could not speculate as to what type of charges the three faculty members could face.

"There's the standard charges, misappropriation theft in Louisiana, as it's called," Kyzar said.

In Louisiana, any conviction over the maximum felony theft level carries with it a ten-year jail sentence. However, Kyzar said that should the case got to trial and the three were convicted the terms of their sentence would be determined by the appointed judge.

CD retailers owe almost everybody in America $5

By *Sauce* staff

Have you bought a CD, cassette tape or vinyl record from a retailer between 1995 and 2000? Guess what–you could be eligible to receive up to $20.

Eight music companies and 41 states and commonwealths settled out of court in September after a lawsuit alleged that music distributors and retailers unfairly fixed prices.

Music consumers can stake their claim of the $143 million in cash and CDs by filling out a brief form on the Internet at http://www.musiccdsettlement.com. The deadline for claims is March 3.

The online form does not request proof of purchase, but consumers can file only one per person or company. The form only requires a name, mailing address and the last four digits of the claimant's Social Security number.

The settlement website said checks would not be mailed for several months after the March deadline.

If more than 8.8 million people file claims, the money would be distributed to non-profit and charitable organizations for music-related purposes.

The Associated Press reported that, as of the end of December, only 30,000 people have filed claims.

IM delayed by budget

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has already been selected.

Deshotel also said the new higher cost should not be anything to worry about. A protected fund was setup at the beginning of the project to hold the money collected from the student-assessed fees.

This money has been sheltered from the rest of NSU's budget and, therefore, has remained entirely untouched. Interest earned from this money should offset the new expenses.

With the money and the labor already in place, the school is ready to begin work just as soon as they receive word from the government. Deshotel said that the new plan would be presented to the budget committee sometime this week and news on their decision should shortly follow.

Students voted the $75 per semester fee increase to fund the building of a replacement for the IM building in 1995. Original building estimates had projected the facility's completion as early as 1999 and no later than 2000.

However, administrators said a series of delays borne from architectural redesigns prevented breaking ground on construction for two years.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Positions open

The Student Activities Board is accepting applications for two available representative-at-large positions and one Columns residential representative position. Fill out an application in Room 214 of the Student Union.

Attention all RSO's

RSO Certification packets are due January 31st in room 214 of the Student Union by 4:30pm. No exceptions. The documents are available at www.nsula.edu/student_activities/rso.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. The first meeting will be held at Russell Hall in Room 213 at noon on Jan. 27. Regular meetings will be held every Monday. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Interfraternity Council

Concentrated Open Recruitment will be Jan. 27–31. For more information, call 357-6511.

Spanish Club

Welcome back, Spanish Club members! Our "Toys for Tots" program was a success! The next meeting will be held on Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. in Room 341 Kyser. We will have a fiesta and a speaker from Puerto Rico. For more information, contact Dr. Pratt at 357-5590, office 314E in Kyser Hall.

NSU Tutors

NSU Tutors will hold an informational meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information contact NSU_Tutors@hotmail.com. NSU Tutors proveds free tutoring to local elementary and middle school students. If you have at least one free hour per week, we would love to inform you about our organization.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

POLICE BLOTTER

January 8

■ 12:11 a.m. A Sabine AAC reported two males trying to break the front door of Sabine hall. When an officer responded, the two were sitting in a car, and said they were just trying to get a friend's attention.

January 10

■ 2:50 p.m. A complaint was registered from a construction site. Two units responded. An employee was fired.

■ 7:14 p.m. Soap suds were found in the Russell Hall fountain.

January 11

■ 2:07 a.m. Honeyweb Security called to report the Hibernia ATM alarm going off. At 2:30 a.m. two units responded. Inside the Student Union, the ATM room had been broken into and the lock busted, but the machine was not penetrated. It was also discovered that the Sabine State Bank ATM also had an attempted break-in. At this point the University police called the city police for help. By 10:45 a.m. the locks were replaced on both ATMs.

■ 5:30 a.m. Rapides front desk reported a fight in progress. At 5:33 a.m. three units responded. By 5:35 a.m. the subjects had already left. It was determined the fight was just a loud argument.

January 12

■ 6:52 a.m. A Sabine resident called to report that her keys were missing. At 6:57 a.m. a unit responded. Wilts told the officer that her keys were stolen out of her door while she was moving in. She claims she knew who stole them, but had no proof. Another unit was dispatched. At 7:11 a.m. the keys were located.

January 13

■ 2:25 p.m. A student called to complain about a stolen car, but did not file a report.

■ 6:25 a.m. A Rapides RA requested assistance for possible drug law violations in rooms 115W and 117W. At 6:27 a.m. two units arrived. 6:36 Subjects were gone on arrival, and nothing was found.

■ 8:25 p.m. An RA at Rapides requested an officer at 306S for possible drug law violations. Two units responded at 8:30 p.m. Another call was received for possible drug law violations in 204S Rapides. By 9:23 p.m. the officers left 306S and were en route to lobby for 204S call. By 9:56 p.m. the units left.

January 15

■ 1:43 a.m. A white Mustang was trying to push the University Columns gate open. There was no damage to the gate.

■ 8:47 a.m. University police logged a complaint about busted pipes at the Bienvenu eBuilding in Room 114. A unit responded at 8:51 a.m. and left by 9:01 a.m.

■ 8:57 a.m An auto accident between Russell and Boozman Hall blocked the roadway. At 8:58 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. two units responded. No one was seriously injured, though both cars received significant damage. By 10:54 a.m. both officers returned to the station for paperwork.

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Photo by Monica Williams

Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen & Restaurant, located on Second Street, has been a staple for dining in Natchitoches since 1967.

What's all the fuss about the LASYONE MEAT PIE ?

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

What do Natchitoches, La. and New York City have in common? According to *New York Times* reporter Robert Walker it's a love of meat pies.

Walker reported on the deep-fried Southern dish in the Dec. 27 edition of the *Times* as part of his journeys series. Walker focused his dining attention on to what some residents consider the only place to get a 'real' meat pie---the famous Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen and Restaurant.

However, published attention is not a new experience for the down-home kitchen.

"About two years after I opened the *House Beautiful* editor was doing a story in Mexico and just stopped by here and from that day on it's just been one thing after another," 71-year-old owner and founder of Lasyone's James Lasyone said.

That type of relaxed response to national media coverage is typical of Lasyone who says he never set out to become a culinary diamond in the rough.

"Well I just always had wanted to own a restaurant so when then building became available I went into kind of like a hobby really," Lasyone said. "I never thought it would do as well as it's done."

Although Lasyone's has staked its business with its reputation, which are one in the same to the founder, the old-south kitchen has implored new technology to give the whole world a taste of the Natchitoches delicacy.

The backroom dining hall went high tech as of last month with their own website, www.lasyones.com, and has moved the simmering beef cakes to all fifty states and countries as far away as Germany.

Despite their success outside of Louisiana Lasyone has never opened any secondary restaurants.

"We've had several people come and talk to us about it (franchising) but they just didn't say the right words if you know what I mean," Lasyone said.

And despite being surrounded by meat pies since 1967 Lasyone still manages to dig in about once a week.

The same can be said for legal secretaries Robbie Moss and Leigh Adkins who drops in for the home-cooked experience once a week.

"We just know everybody that works here," Moss, a customer for over twenty-five years and lover red-beans and sausage, said. "It's just like home," Moss finished.

Adkins, a Lafayette transfer and customer of six years, also said the customer service and warm atmosphere gave her a reason to remain a loyal patron

With a baby on the way Lasyone accommodated her perfectly.

"Right now I'm pregnant and I love their pickles on the salad bar," Adkins said. "They're always crunchy and fresh."

Apparently so does the rest of the world Leigh, at least the Germans anyway.

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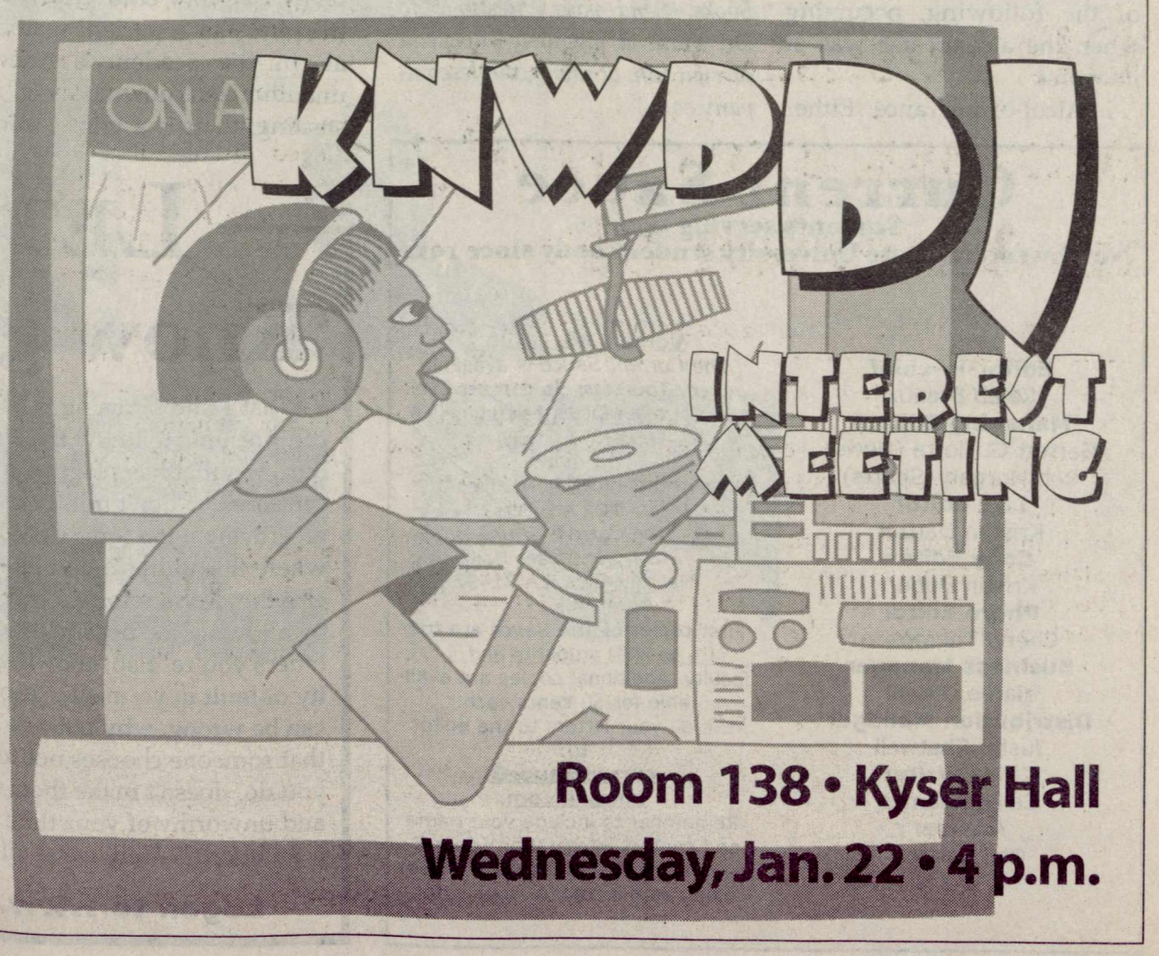

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Tuna strainers make me happy, sorta

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in Chief

Welcome back, students of Northwestern State University. I hope all of you had a wonderful and relaxing winter break. May the spring result in many joyous hours of merriment.

For some of us, like myself, this will be the last spring at NSU. That can be a depressing or joyous occasion. After graduation there is the unknown: What am I going to be now that I am grown up? Where am I going to live? How much money will I make working construction? The unknown can be scary, which leads to worry and which results in depression.

On the other hand, graduation could be joyous. No longer will I have to buy hundreds of dollars worth of books nor will I have to eat wraps from Vic's. Restroom safety will not be an issue either. Recent notes left on restroom stalls in the second floor restrooms of Kyser Hall have struck fear in my heart. I don't want sex; I just need to potty.

Yes graduation can be joyous. However, there are other things, simple things, about life that bring me joy. I would like to share those with you.

Playstation2 is one of the greatest inventions since the George Foreman grill. Even in times of uncertainty the PS2, as gamers refer to it, is always there to listen and cheer me up in times of need. And guys, it does not talk back when you tell it what to do; you have to respect that.

Wal-Mart sales tuna strainers-they make me happy. For 97 cents you can go through the day without having the smell of tuna on your hands. The round strainer fits perfectly over an opened can of tuna and allows the fluids to drain out without human contact. When times are tough, not smelling like tuna can get you a long way.

Pets are great pick-me-ups. I recently adopted a kitten and she is mildly retarded. Who knew that cats could be so much fun? True, they cannot cook your dinner, nor can they clean your apartment, but when you feel really bad about yourself being in the company of a cat can make you feel smarter.

I guess what I am getting at is when you are feeling down in the dumps about anything in life, be it graduation or having to stomach another wrap, just remember leaving NSU with a kitten, a tuna strainer and a PS2 will make you "feel right as rain." Well, probably not, so start looking for other things that will bring you joy.

Relationships 101:: Sex, Drugs, Rock and Relationships

By Dr. Mark Goulston
Courtesy KRT Campus

Dear Dr. Mark,

Most people I know drink alcohol. Some people can handle a lot of it, and some can't. Some people have a beer or two every day, and some get drunk on the weekends. How do you know if drinking is a problem?

_ To Drink or Not To Drink at Northeastern

Dear Drink,

Unless you're just researching the topic, I'm guessing that you're worried that either you or someone you know may be drinking too much. If that's the case, it's probably because the person you know is thinking too much about drinking and is having trouble concentrating on school, friends and outside activities. In general, drinking is not a problem if you can stop at any time, and if you can focus on what you're supposed to be doing, rather than thinking of when you'll have your next drink.

Talk to someone at student health who can answer your questions. If the reason for your writing is not curiosity, then somewhere inside you're worrying that either you or a person you know has a drinking problem.

As a starting point here is the American definition of alcohol dependence according to the DSM IV – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder – 4th Edition:

Diagnostic criteria:

A. Alcohol abuse: A destructive pattern of alcohol use, leading to significant social, occupational, or medical impairment.

B. Must have three (or more) of the following, occurring when the alcohol use was at its worst:

1. Alcohol tolerance: Either need for markedly increased amounts of alcohol to achieve intoxication, or markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of alcohol.

2. Alcohol withdrawal symptoms: Either (a) or (b).

(a) Two (or more) of the following, developing within several hours to a few days of reduction in heavy or prolonged alcohol use:

_ sweating or rapid pulse
_ increased hand tremor
_ insomnia
_ nausea or vomiting
_ physical agitation
_ anxiety
_ transient visual, tactile, or auditory hallucinations or illusions
_ grand mal seizures

(b) Alcohol is taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms.

3. Alcohol was often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended.

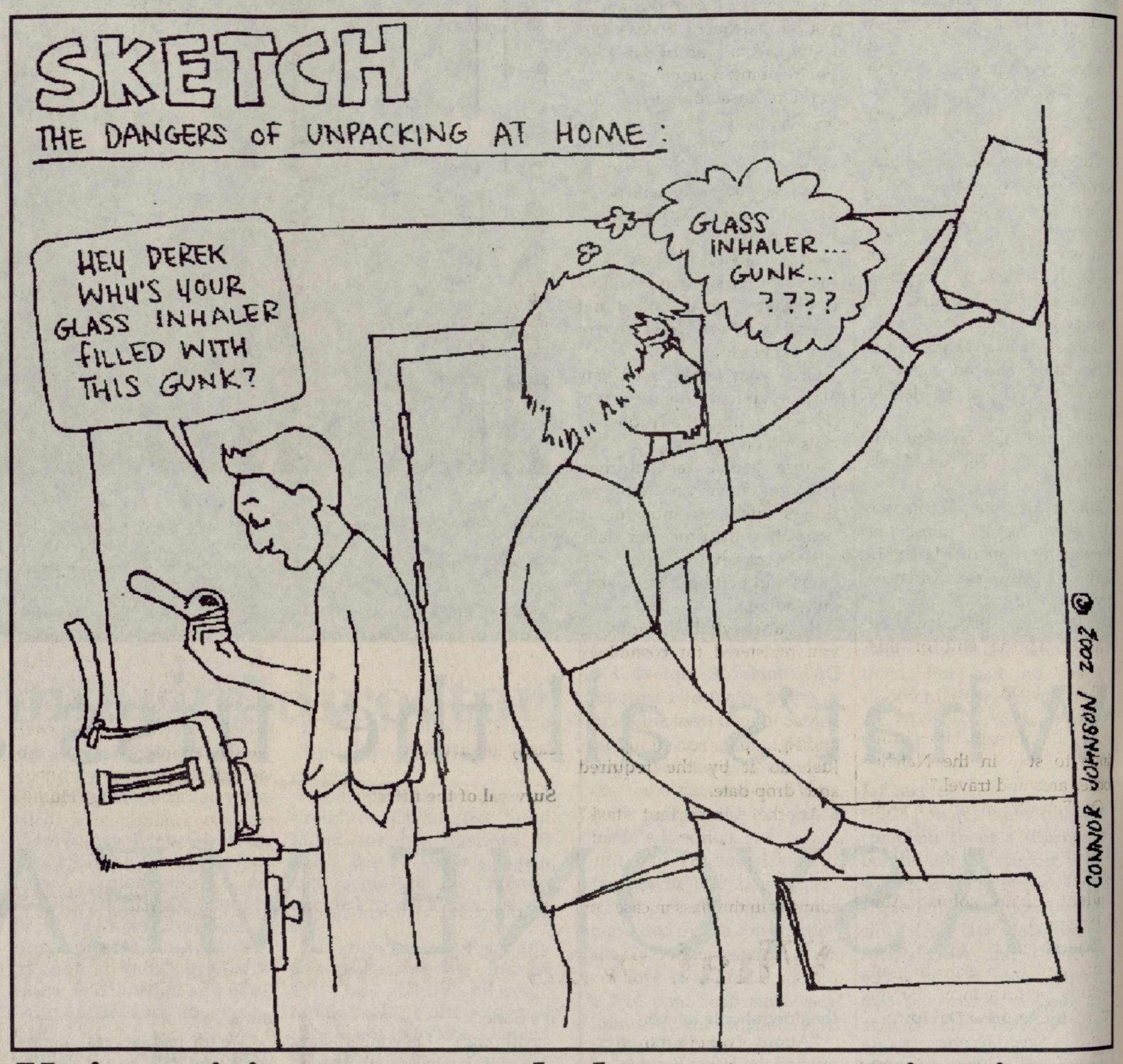
4. Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control alcohol use.

5. Great deal of time spent in using alcohol or recovering from hangovers.

6. Important social, occupational or recreational activities given up or reduced because of alcohol use.

7. Alcohol use is continued despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been worsened by alcohol (e.g., continued drinking despite knowing that an ulcer was made worse by drinking alcohol).

(Dr. Mark Goulston is the author of "Get Out of Your Own Way: Overcoming Self-Defeating Behavior" published by Perigee Books. Send your questions to Dr. Mark at mgoulsto@ucla.edu or visit him at www.couplescompany.com.)



Universities can crack down on music piracy

By KRT Campus

Uncle Sam is one tough dorm daddy.

As many as 100 students at the U.S. Naval Academy faced penalties ranging from probation to expulsion for allegedly downloading music and movies illegally over the Internet. The academy seized their computers last month.

The academy's action was a heavy-handed response to the recording industry's plea, in a letter to 2,300 university presidents, that they crack down on the piracy of copyright material. In the academy's mind, unauthorized downloading is stealing; theft is a crime; midshipmen who commit it should be punished if not run out of Annapolis.

If only the issue were that simple and the remedy so clear-cut for schools outside of the moral absolutes of the academies. Colleges should discourage and confront unlawful activities; however, they shouldn't be playing Big Brother at the entertainment industry's bidding. They should respect students' privacy and should not ban all peer-to-peer file-sharing sites from their networks. To do so would placate the recording labels, but also would squelch a promising technology.

As San Jose Mercury News writer Mary Anne Ostrom has reported, most universities are taking measured approaches to what has become a thriving activity on campus. They are rationing bandwidth, educating students about the ethical implications of illegal file-sharing and sanctioning students whom the record companies individually identify as copyright infringers. A few universities have banned popular file-sharing programs, like Kazaa and LimeWire; Stanford instead gives them a lower priority on the network.

Universities also want to appear responsive, if only to avoid getting sued, though the Recording Industry Association of America isn't threatening that yet. The studios do have new technologies to trace pirated files. When presented with evidence of specific violations, colleges should give students the opportunity to delete the files. If unauthorized downloading continues, they should take away network privileges or, as Cornell University does, punish by requiring community service.

The entertainment industry is facing a generation of students who see freely downloaded music and movies as their due. There are reasonable ways to disabuse them of that notion, short of tossing them in the brig.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Know good sense when you hear it'

What I find amusing is how people can presume to know the answer to a question that has plagued mankind for centuries. I don't think there has been an article on the topic of religion yet where the author didn't tell someone else they were wrong. Is it not true that by allowing the possibility of fault in others you're also allowing the possibility of fault in yourself? If one person can be wrong, why not two? The fact that someone chooses not to believe as you do, doesn't make them misguided and unworthy of your time.

Stubborn? Hell, we're all stubborn. We wouldn't be writing to the editor if we weren't. To believe that just because your learning to do multivariable calculus or interpret Shakespeare that you are also able to divine the secrets of the universe is about as arrogant and egotistical as you can get. And just because you teach them doesn't make you any less so.

Expecting an absolute answer to the question, "Is there a God", is like expecting one from the question of the chicken and the egg. Chasing your tail can be fun but it doesn't get you anywhere. I'm not trying to tell anyone that they are wrong; I'm just saying that it's possible and highly probable. Unless you are able to support your beliefs with 100% undisputable proof that forces people to accept your beliefs as fact, I don't think anyone has the right to tell someone else that they are wrong in theirs. How does it go? "Judge not lest ye be judged"? You don't have to believe in God to know good sense when you hear it.

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Creative and performing arts; schedule preview

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The spring semester has unfolded several new events for the creative and performing arts department.

The Hanchey Gallery will continue the '30s and '40s history of Louisiana display entitled "The Rain Are Fallin: A Search for the People and Places Photographed by the Farm Security Administration in Louisiana: 1935-1943" until Feb. 1.

This show was originally complied by the Farm Security Administration photographers during the Great Depression and was recently put together by Dean Dablow, the chairman of fine arts at Louisiana Tech University.

Dablow will also present a slide show talk on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

There will also be a student competition on Feb. 24-March 21.

Bill Bryant, the coordinator of visual arts, will present a show of his work on March 31-May 2. The show is a display of Bryant's work done over the past 50 years. Bryant will be retiring at the end of this semester.

"I have been teaching for 30 years and now it is time to retire," Bryant said. "I will continue to stay in the Natchitoches area and travel."

On Feb. 27, a concert with the Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony will be held in Magale Recital Hall, featuring student piano soloist Ana Palanciuc.

"She is one of my top students, and I am expecting an exciting performance," Nikita Fitemko, professor of piano, said.

The NSU Orchestra and choirs will be featured in concert in Magale Recital Hall on April 10. The NSU choirs will be featured in two bicentennial concerts with the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Orleans.

On March 28, NSU Jazz Orchestra will also have a bicentennial celebration in the fine arts auditorium.

The Lady of the Bracelet will hold its annual pageant on Feb. 7. This year's pageant will feature the NSU Dancers.

The theatre department will present "To Kill A Mockingbird" inspired by author Harper Lee on Feb. 19 through Feb. 28 in Theatre West.

The department will also present a murder mystery entitled "Angel Street" on March 8-10 in the NSU Loft. Jack Wann will be the director of this production.

"The configuration of the room will be in a circle with the audience on both sides for this production. This is going to be a very exciting," Wann said.

Wann will be direct his last production at NSU of "Oklahoma" for the summer theater.

"I will miss NSU and the area. I plan to pursue a career as an actor and director in New York," Wann said.

Scott Burrell, assistant professor of theatre, will direct the 20th century musical entitled Parade featuring the NSU Orchestra on April 26 through April 29.

Students and faculty will have their own personal shows in each artistic category throughout the semester.

To survive first year of college, follow these tips

Courtesy KRT Services

By Lisa Glass
The Orlando Sentinel

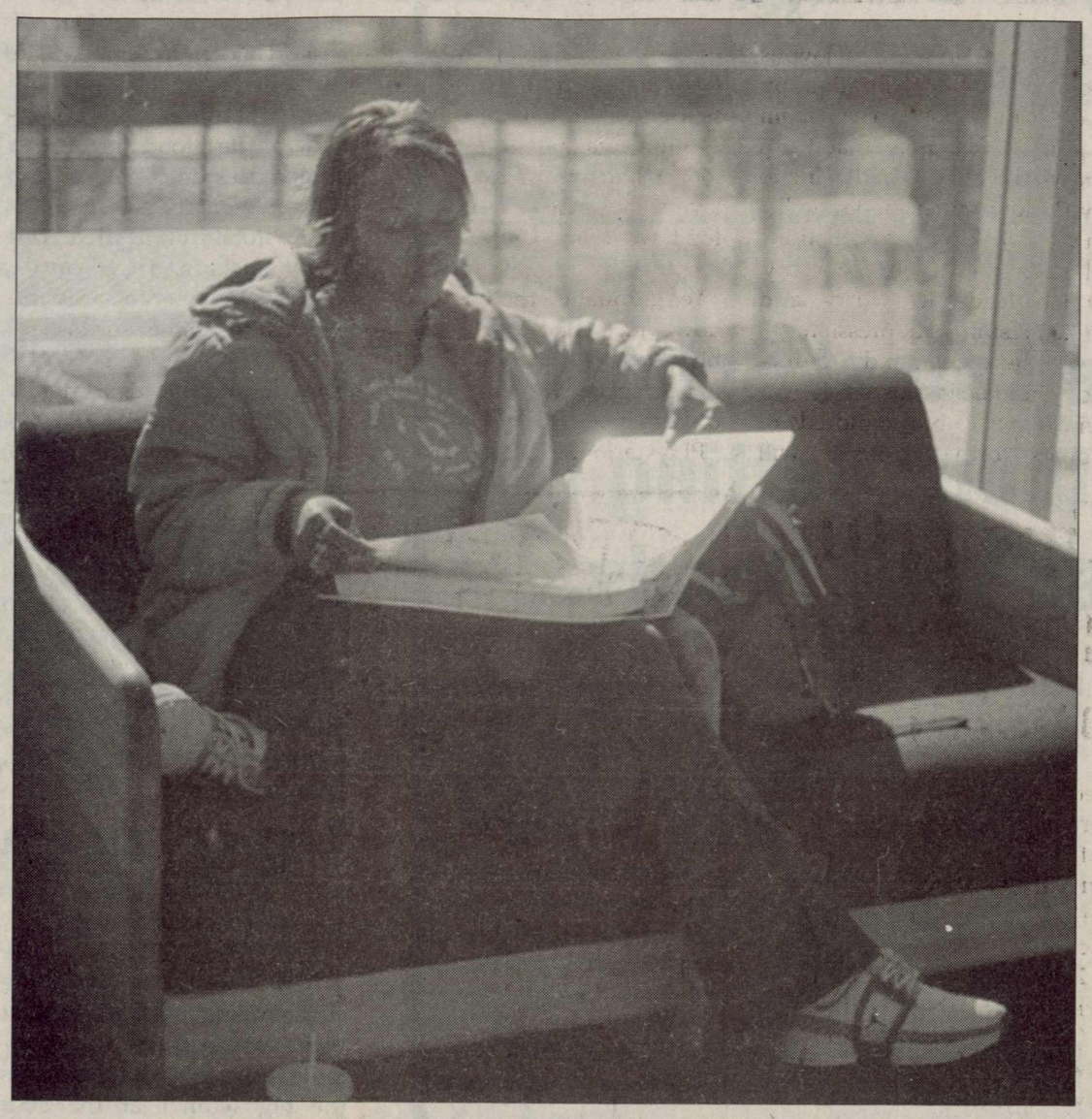

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

Kasha Maxie begins the spring semester by studying in the Student Union.

You've stayed out past 3 a.m. dancing with your friends, navigated your way through the technology building and chowed down in the dorm dining hall more than once.

You've also spent $50 in the past 10 hours on who knows what, thrown a box of Cheez-Its at your messy roommate's head (or had one thrown at yours) and heard at least one lecture from Dad about what you're doing with your life.

You're an accomplished collegian. Maybe you're a freshman, or maybe you're a sophomore in need of guidance. In any case, you need some help. The first step to surviving college is simple.

Drag yourself to class, said Maribeth Ehasz, vice president of academic development and retention at the University of Central Florida.

Grab your books, set a few alarms, and make sure you're present when the professor calls roll on day one.

Once you've tackled that, you can move on to bigger things--such as introducing yourself to the prof after class, closely reviewing your syllabus and getting a head start on reading.

If your syllabus indicates you registered for cosmology instead of cosmetology, or if you instantly dislike your professor, you can drop the class and sign up for something else. Just do it by the required add/drop date.

Another important task? Make some friends. That's right -- chat up the cutie sitting next to you. You'll need some contacts in the class in case you miss a day or don't understand something. And it's a great excuse to get a phone number.

And, oh yeah, "start doing the work immediately," Ehasz said. "Even if something is not due for six weeks, if you don't get started right away you can easily get in a hole."

Survival of the fittest:

Late-night study sessions might just make you sick--literally. So Marsha Huddle, associate director of student health services at UCF, has some tips for you:

Forget what your kindergarten teacher told you about sharing. Keep your cups, forks and lipstick to yourself, Huddle says. Germs run rampant in college dorms, so wash your hands frequently and get enough sleep.

If you catch a bug, Huddle suggests running to a drugstore for a box of tissues, some kind of decongestant, Advil or Tylenol for headaches and a thermometer. If you run a fever higher than 101 degrees for more than two days, call your university's health services and make an appointment.

And exercise. Do something cardiovascular (running, biking, swimming, power shopping) for at least 20 minutes, three times a week.

It's also important to keep up with regular checkups and go to the dentist at least twice a year, Huddle says. Most universities offer these services at a reduced price.

It's all a matter of balance, Ehasz said.

"Students need to have a reasonable schedule for sleeping, eating, exercising, studying and socializing," she said. "If any one of those things gets out of balance, then the tendency will be for them to get sick."

Of course, no one expects you to get eight hours of beauty sleep seven days a week, but if you give it your best and take a few naps to make up for lost time, it'll pay off.

Beyond ramen noodles:

You've probably done this: Slept through freshman seminar, rolled out of bed, made it to choir practice and dragged yourself through a few more classes. When you finally made it back to your dorm, lunch was over, dinner wasn't for another couple of hours and you hadn't eaten since that IHOP trip at 3:15 a.m.

Slap yourself on the hand. You're breaking nutritionists' first rule for survival in college: Eat.

"If you skip meals, there are so many side effects," Cynthia Sass, spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, said. "Energy slumps, mood swings, loss of concentration."

Of course, you don't want to stuff your face either, Sass says.

That "freshman 15" is easy to gain no matter what year of school you're in. Most important, Sass said, is that you eat when you're most active:

"Don't eat all your calories while you're sitting around studying and hanging out. You don't get a chance to burn those calories."

Beverages, especially alcohol, can spike your calorie count and make you feel hungrier.

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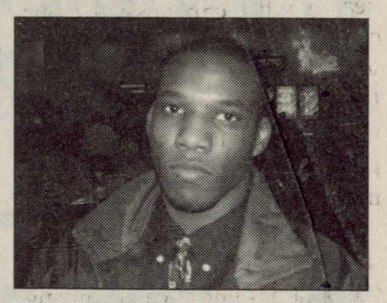
What was the worst gift you received for CHRISTMAS?

Compiled by
Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter

Even though the Christmas holidays are behind us, we here at the* Current Sauce *wanted to know a little bit about your holiday. What was the worst Christmas present you received?

"I got a $3 pocket organizer instead of a Palm Pilot and a metal detector."

Andy Dye, 21, Senior



"My worst Christmas present was a plant."

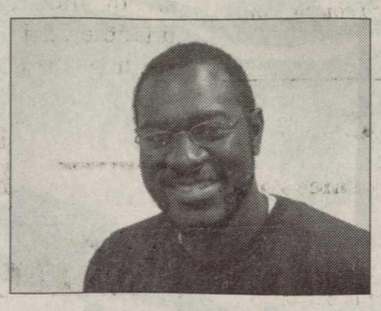
Brian Williams, 23, graduate student

"My worst Christmas present was a set of measuring cups for my new house."

Ray Meade, 20, junior

"My worst Christmas present was a Delta Sigma Theta mouse pad and my computer is at home and not here at school, that's why it was a bad gift."

Toi Rogers, 21, Junior

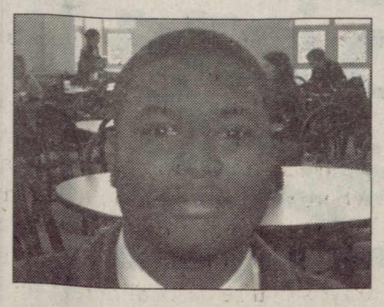


"My worst Christmas present was nothing. I received nothing."

John Birch, 22, senior

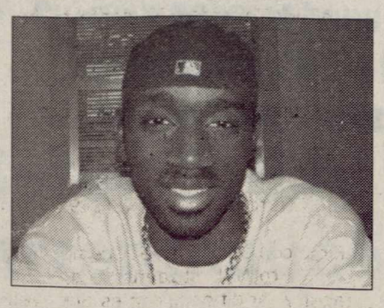
"The worst Christmas present I got was a used spare tire"

Mackenzie Deshotel, 19, sophomore



"The worst Christmas present I got was a tool set."

DeMarcus Hunter, 20, junior



"My worst Christmas present this year was smelly cologne."

Atari Warner, 23, senior

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"Alcohol is an appetite stimulant," Sass said, "so you're more likely to go to Denny's and eat a lot or order chips and stuff after a few drinks."

Sass recommends cutting back on fast food if you can. French fries don't get you any vegetable points, so you might try to stock up on dried fruit, carrot sticks and applesauce, all of which you can easily toss in your bag on the way to class.

More money, more problems:

So you're attending class, eating halfway decent meals and you have a stash of Advil.

Now you need to learn how to hang on to your dollar bills before you spend them all on bar cover charges and dinner out.

A common problem for everyone, not just collegians, is having no clue where the heck your money goes.

Set up a monthly budget and try to stick to it. That means figuring out how much money you're bringing in and how much you're spending, so you'll know how much you can use for extras.

Ahead of the curve:

Now that you're following all of these brilliant tips, get a reality check: Life is not all parties and pennies.

You're in college to prepare yourself for a future career.

"It's difficult for many of us to think beyond the moment," Ehasz said. But that's exactly what you must do to realize your dreams -- "build a portfolio for the future."

Ask yourself where you're going, Ehasz suggests, and then figure out what you need to do to get there.

Maybe you were born to be a biologist, or maybe you're majoring in undecided.

Either way, a degree will get you only so far.

You also need "the kinds of experiences and skills that make you marketable for the future," Ehasz said.

"Do well in academics but find experiences to build communications skills, public speaking skills and teamwork," she said.

Get into at least a few student organizations _ public service clubs, a cappella groups, the school newspaper.

"Involvement in these groups will help clarify what you like to do and what you don't," Ehasz said.

Real-world experience is key to building a resume. So check out your school's career services department for information on internships or apprenticeships --or use the Internet.

Remember to take a deep breath and enjoy yourself.

Osbournes host, Eminem wins at AMA's

By Isaac Guzman
New York Daily News

With the Ozzy Osbourne clan playing host, perhaps it was no surprise that foul-mouthed rapper Eminem was the big winner at the 30th American Music Awards, broadcast Monday night on ABC from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Although he wasn't there to collect any of his pointy pyramid prizes, the Detroit phenom won favorite pop/rock male artist, pop/rock album, hip hop/R&B male artist and hip hop/R&B album. Several other honorees weren't on hand, including multiple winners the Dixie Chicks and Creed, who each won two awards.

The oddest no-show was Tim McGraw, who began the show singing "Tiny Dancer" with Elton John but was headed "back home to Nashville" by the time his favorite country male artist award was announced.

R&B diva Ashanti began with the most nominations _ six _ and quickly picked up her first award, for favorite new hip hop/R&B artist. Later, she was named favorite new pop/rock artist, but got nothing else.

They didn't win any awards, but the Osbournes gave a vivid, if heavily censored, turn as presenters. The family's infamous predilection for profanity frequently threatened to swamp the show with silence. Rather than the artfully bleeped dialogue of their MTV show, ABC censors just turned down the volume each time they swore, resulting in long, unintelligible gaps.

But one clean gag had immediate impact, when Sharon Osbourne threw gasoline on the scorched relationship of former cute couple Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake.

"Why aren't you two gorgeous people together?" she asked as Jack and Kelly Osbourne perched themselves on the estranged lovers' laps. "I'm going to have to take him, Britney."

The night's other winners included Sheryl Crow _ who made several anti-war statements _ for favorite female pop/rock artist; Outkast, named favorite hip hop/R&B group, and Martina McBride, who took favorite female country artist. Country rockers Alabama were given a lifetime Award of Merit, which included accolades from former President George Bush, who described himself as "a long-time country music fan."

AMA nominees are selected from the Radio & Records and SoundScan sales, and radio airplay charts. A mail survey of 20,000 households determines the winners.

Among the performers were Mariah Carey, Ja Rule and Bobby Brown, Christina Aguilera and Nickelback. Carey earned a long ovation for "Through the Rain," a song about surviving her well-publicized emotional breakdown last year.

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Recipe for the ChipShop's Fried Twinkies

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1 teaspoon salt
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1 cup frozen raspberries
1 cup frozen blackberries
1 cup frozen strawberries
1 cup frozen blueberries
4 tablespoons sugar

Cool Twinkies in refrigerator. Mix batter ingredients to the consistency of custard. Roll each Twinkie in extra flour and then roll in batter. Drop the battered Twinkie into a deep fryer for about 90 seconds, just until the creme filling is starting to melt and the outside is golden brown. Top with powdered sugar; cut in half and serve with four berry coulis.
To make the coulis: Place berries in a pan on low heat and add sugar. When mixture begins to boil, place in blender and blend until liquid. Strain mixture through a sieve to remove pulp.

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Put 'em in coach: A Demon baseball preview

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

> ***"I'm sure I'll be a little nervous, but it's all baseball..."***
>
> **-Bobby Barbier**
> **NSU Demon first baseman**

Demon baseball will start the 2003 season in February with a three game series against Louisiana State University.

The games start the night of Feb. 7 and continue during the next two afternoons at LSU's Alex Box Stadium.

Head coach Mitch Gaspard said, "Obviously LSU is one of the premier baseball teams in the country." The Demons were 1-1 with the Tigers last season.

"We're optimistic that we'll fare well," Gaspard said.

Senior first baseman Anatole Vincent is from the Baton Rouge area and is eager to play the Tigers.

"I've been waiting for that series for a long time. I'm really looking forward to it," Vincent said.

To prepare for the upcoming season that runs from February to May, the team practices six days a week for about three hours. They work on defense, batting and plays.

Freshman first baseman Bobby Barbier is ready for the team to face schools like the University of Houston, the University of Alabama, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Louisiana State University, but he will not play the field much until Vincent graduates.

Barbier will be a designated hitter and said he is not feeling overly anxious about the first Northwestern game he will play.

"I'm sure I'll be a little nervous, but it's all baseball," Barbier said. "We've been playing for years."

Gaspard said playing nationally ranked teams like Louisiana State University, the University of Alabama and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will be helpful for the players.

"It gives us a good indication of how far we've got to go when we play those teams."

When the Demons face the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide in April at NSU's Brown-Stroud Field, it will be something of a homecoming for Gaspard and Alabama head coach Jim Wells.

Gaspard assisted under Wells at NSU during the 1993-94 season. They then coached six seasons together at Alabama. The result was six NCAA regional appearances and three College World Series berths.

Gaspard returned to NSU as head coach in 2001. He led the 2002 team to a strong finish of 43-17. To the team's disappointment, the Demons ended the season one run shy of the Southland Conference Baseball Tournament crown, and they were left out of the 64-team NCAA Tournament bracket.

Gaspard said this season's home schedule would be a good chance for the fans to support the Demons and see some good baseball playing against nationally ranked teams.

NSU Demon Baseball

February 7 - @LSU	**6:30 p.m.**
February 8 - @LSU	**2 p.m.**
February 9 - @LSU	**1 p.m.**

The road ahead: A look at the 2003 track season

Callie Reames
Chief Writer

> ***"I'm ready to win another conference championship and get to nationals hopefully..."***
>
> **-Justin Wolfe**
> 400 meter dash and mile relay

Indoor track competitions start Saturday as the Demons and Lady Demons travel to the McNeese Invitational in Lake Charles.

Men's coach Leon Johnson said this season's challenging opponents include Southwest Texas State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, Stephen F. Austin University and Sam Houston State University.

Justin Wolfe, who runs the 400-meter dash and the one-mile relay, is excited about his last semester running.

"I'm ready to go, ready to do this," Wolfe said. "I'm ready to win another conference championship and get to nationals hopefully."

The senior aviation major has been running since he was in fifth grade and said the thing he enjoys about running events like the 400-meter is its solidarity.

"It's an individual race. It's yourself, you personally. You did the work and no one bailed you out," Wolfe said.

Wolfe added that winning the conference title would take more than individual competitors.

"It's a team effort," Wolfe said.

Robert Ethridge, a junior education major is attending NSU because he runs.

"It's something I've been doing all my life," Ethridge said. "And also, it's what got me in school."

Ethridge gets a scholarship for his participation in track. He runs sprints and jumps the long jump.

When Ethridge runs, his thoughts are on himself.

"When I concentrate on running track meets I try not to focus on other schools," Ethridge said. His goal is to give his best effort.

"I just try to worry about myself and do what I can do," Ethridge said.

From Saturday until mid March the Demons and Lady Demons will travel to Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, Houston and Fayetteville, Ark. to compete in indoor track events. On March 22 the outdoor track season opens at Texas A&M University in College Station.

There are a few differences between indoor and outdoor track. Indoor has a 60-meter dash instead of the 100-meter on a larger track, and there are no javelin or discus events during indoor track meets.

All this season's outdoor track meets are at other schools because the Walter Ledet Track Complex is not in good enough condition for home competitions. The track is used for practice only.

"It's very disappointing to the athletes because they won't be able to compete at home," Johnson said

The condition of the track also affects the coaching staff's recruiting efforts.

"It's hard to ask a track guy to come if he doesn't have a track to run on," Johnson said.

The men won the 2002 Southland Conference track and field championship, and Johnson said he is looking for the men to win in indoor and outdoor competitions this spring. He described their strengths this season as jumping, sprinting and throwing events.

The women, at sixth place, were the top finishers among the five Louisiana-based SLC members last year. Johnson said the women's strengths are hurtles, middle distance running, jumping and sprinting.

Women's coach Dean Johnson said he is hoping the women will finish in the top three of the conference this year.

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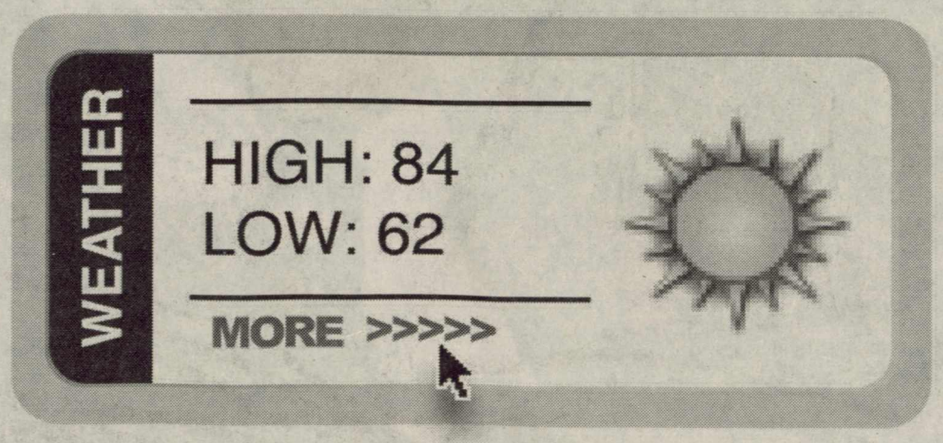

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Northwestern State University BASKETBALL

Lady Demons enjoy winning break

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Lady Demons had an up and down Christmas holiday as they rolled to four wins while also being stunned by a lower tier team in the Southland Conference.

The Lady Demons cruised through one non-conference game, three SLC foes and were upset by Texas-San Antonio at Prather Coliseum.

Christmas helped the Lady Demons break over .500 on the season. At the end of the holidays the Lady Demons held an overall record of 6-5 overall and 3-1 in the SLC.

Cruising to a win over non-conference foe Prairie View A & M started off the holiday swing for the Lady Demons followed by a blow out over Southeastern Louisiana University to open SLC play.

In the SLC opener, La' Terrica Dobin increased her nation leading assist total to 94 on the season giving them a three game winning streak. Amanda Bennett help the win by recording a double-double with Dobin followed by four other Lady Demons in double figures.

NSU hit a snag in the new year allowing the Lady Roadrunners of UTSA to win their first game of the season at Prather Coliseum. The Lady Demons could not find their rhythm throughout the game shooting only 32 percent from the floor and snapping a three game win streak with the loss.

The Lady Demons followed up their disappointing loss with an easy win over Southwest Texas, then finishing off the holidays with a big win over rival McNeese State.

Hot shooting and a tough defense helped the Lady Demons run wild on Southwest Texas. NSU shot 57 percent from the floor while hitting 6 of 13 from long range. Dobin paced the Lady Demons with 20 points and 10 assists followed by Davidson and Bennett each in double figures. Davidson had a huge game in the romp over McNeese State scoring a season high 24 points with 13 rebounds.

Dobin continued to increase her nation leading assist total with 9 assists in the win. A late run and a strong defensive effort with a couple of late three pointers from Anna Means and Davidson helped NSU pull away from their heated rival and record a win.

Up next for the Lady Demons are two home games at Prather Coliseum starting this Thursday against SLU.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Katrina Swanigan takes a shot in the face of a defender during the Lady Demons game against Southwest Texas.

Southland Conference standings

School	Conference W-L	Pct.	Home	Away	Overall W-L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neut.	Last 5	Last 10	Streak
Stephen F. Austin	5-0	1.000	2-0	3-0	5-7	.417	2-1	3-4	0-2	5-0	5-5	W 5
Texas-Arlington	4-0	1.000	2-0	2-0	6-5	.545	3-0	3-3	0-2	4-1	6-4	W 4
Northwestern State	3-1	.750	1-1	2-0	6-5	.545	2-2	3-0	1-3	4-1	5-5	W 2
Southwest Texas	4-2	.667	2-0	2-2	5-9	.357	3-2	2-5	0-2	3-2	4-6	W 2
Texas-San Antonio	3-2	.600	2-0	1-2	3-9	.250	2-2	1-5	0-2	3-2	3-7	W 2
Louisiana-Monroe	2-3	.400	1-2	1-1	5-7	.417	2-3	3-2	0-2	2-3	4-6	L 1
Nicholls State	2-4	.333	1-3	1-1	5-8	.385	3-5	2-3	0-0	1-4	3-7	L 2
Sam Houston State	2-4	.333	2-1	0-3	4-8	.333	2-1	1-5	1-2	1-4	3-7	L 3
McNeese State	2-4	.333	2-2	0-2	3-9	.250	3-2	0-6	0-1	2-3	3-7	W 1
Lamar	1-4	.200	1-1	0-3	2-10	.167	2-3	0-7	0-0	1-4	1-9	L 3
Southeastern Louisiana	1-5	.167	0-3	1-2	2-11	.154	1-5	1-6	0-0	1-4	1-9	L 2

NSU Lady Demons Basketball

January 16
vs. Southeastern Louisiana
5:45 p.m.

January 18
vs. Nicholls State
2 p.m.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Cliffton Lee drives midcourt into a Gent defender on Northwestern's home ground. The Gents knocked off the Demons sending the Demons to a 1-10 record.

Men struggle with below par record

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons (1-10 overall) have made plenty of progress and changes since the start of the season but continue to struggle in Southland Conference play.

NSU has a freshmen laden team and mistakes are normal until the inexperience goes away.

"Mistakes are fine," NSU head coach Mike McConathy said. "It is just the adjustment from one level of play to the next and some guys are learning faster than others."

Leading the freshman starting five are Clifton Lee, 14 points and 7 rebounds per game; Jermaine Spencer, 10 points per game; Tyronn Mitchell, 9 points per game; Jermaine Wallace, 9 points, 4 rebounds.

The Demons have been getting limited productions form Byron Allen due to a pulled muscle in his back but he has contributed 13 points and 7 rebounds per game.

Conference play has not been in the Demons favor as the record reflect (1-3 in the SLC).

Northwestern faced the McNeese Cowboys (6-6 overall, 2-3 SLC) in the last conference game but was denied the victory 71-56.

NSU took a conference break to face the Centenary Gents (7-9) for the second time but to no avail the Demons were handed their 10th loss in first 11 games.

The game got off to a rocky start from the beginning as the Gents converted eight NSU turnovers into 16 points in the first seven minutes.

Centenary's Josh Thibodeaux hit back-to-back three-pointers and snaked down the middle of the lane to tip in a layup at the buzzer to end the first half.

The Gents went into halftime atop 41-36.

The Demons came out of the locker room with vengeance. NSU countered on a Gents 12-0 run with some offensive firepower of their own, lead by Wallace hitting two big three-pointers down the stretch.

Centenary made baskets on the next five possessions to spread the game 11-points in the last 1:54.

Northwestern had four players in double figure points Allen and Wallace sinking 14 apiece, while Lee had 12 and Spencer added 10.

Things have not been going as planned for the Demons but the coaching staff remains positive about the outcome of the season.

"We will start to reacting quicker and executing better as the season goes on," coach McConathy said.

The Demons have a two game home stand Thursday night against Southeastern Louisiana University at 7 p.m. at and Saturday afternoon against Nicholls State.

Southland Conference standings

School	Conference W-L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neut.	Overall W-L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neut.	Last 5	Last 10
Stephen F. Austin	5-0	1.000	2-0	3-0	0-0	9-3	.750	6-1	3-2	0-0	5-0	8-2
Sam Houston State	5-1	.833	3-0	2-1	0-0	8-4	.667	5-0	2-3	1-1	4-1	7-3
Texas-Arlington	3-1	.750	2-0	1-1	0-0	6-6	.500	4-0	1-6	1-0	3-2	5-5
Southwest Texas	3-3	.500	2-0	1-3	0-0	8-5	.615	6-0	2-5	0-0	3-2	6-4
McNeese State	3-3	.500	3-1	0-2	0-0	7-6	.558	6-1	1-5	0-0	2-3	5-5
Lamar	2-3	.400	2-0	0-3	0-0	5-7	.417	5-0	0-7	0-0	2-3	4-6
Texas-San Antonio	2-3	.400	1-1	1-2	0-0	5-7	.417	2-2	1-5	2-0	2-3	4-6
Louisiana-Monroe	2-3	.400	1-2	1-1	0-0	4-8	.333	2-3	2-5	0-0	2-3	3-7
Southeastern Louisiana	2-4	.333	1-2	1-2	0-0	4-9	.308	3-3	1-6	0-0	1-4	4-6
Northwestern State	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-10	.090	1-3	0-7	0-0	1-4	1-9
Nicholls State	1-5	.167	1-3	0-2	0-0	3-11	.214	2-3	1-7	0-1	1-4	2-8

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Parking planned for Columns

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

The University Columns apartment complex will add 66 more parking spaces for residents in the fall.

The University Columns will begin building a new parking lot for residential use this spring. Assistant Director Amy Dowden said that the new parking would be located at the base of Greek Hill.

The fence that surrounds the apartment complex will be extended to encompass the new lot. The back gate entrance will be moved over, and more lighting will be added.

The Columns currently has 330 parking spaces, but 370 cars are registered to park at the Columns. The new spaces will allow all those registered to have a parking space.

Dowden said the complex was never built with enough parking to accommodate every Columns resident.

For the past six years, parking has been a serious issue at the Columns.

"We have a horrific problem with residents and non-residents parking in illegal spots, the handicapped, fire lanes, and on the grass," Dowden said.

On Jan. 13, there was a community meeting to discuss temporary solutions for the persistent parking problems. The meeting was open to all residents, who were encouraged to speak their mind on the situation.

Suggestions from the residents were listened to and a ballot was formed. Community Assistant Cynthia Figueroa said that the ballots would determine what actions the Columns would take against parking violators.

On the ballots residents must choose a form of action to take and a time schedule in which the actions will be enforced.

Residents can choose to tow cars, give parking tickets, or do nothing. They can also choose to enforce the new law all the time or just 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., and from either Monday to Friday or seven days a week.

Columns resident Danielle Thomas is happy about the University's plan to add parking. However, she also wishes there had been some other choices on the ballot.

"Some of my friends come here and I don't want them to get towed," Thomas said. "Then again, I want to be able to park here."

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

Part of a field earmarked for a new University Columns parking lot is shown next to the on-campus apartment complex Wednesday. Columns administrators are planning to add 66 new parking spaces to the existing lots, raising the Columns' parking capacity to 396 vehicles. The Columns were never designed to accommodate more than 330 vehicles, but 370 automobiles are registered to park there.

NSU holds student retention meeting

By Kyle A. Carter
Sauce Reporter

Students, faculty and administrators assembled at the Prudhomme-Rouquier House in downtown Natchitoches last Thursday to discuss student retention on NSU's campus.

Anthony Scheffler, head of graduate studies, led the Jan. 16 gathering of students, faculty and administration on the discussion of the issue over retention. NSU has teamed up with consulting company Noel-Levitz to prepare for a statewide retention program.

Scheffler met with those invited to begin planning with the Noel-Levitz representative for the state's retention program

"We are trying to increase the number and percentage of students who stay in school and graduate," University president Randall Webb said.

The state planned to have the Fall 2005 start the implementation of the retention program. In the meantime, schools have been expected to begin preparing for the program.

The meeting was held to set reasonable goals for the school to meet in order to prepare for the implementa-

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Latinos succeed blacks as USA's largest minority

■ *NSU's Hispanic enrollment declines over same period, barely makes up one percent of total student population*

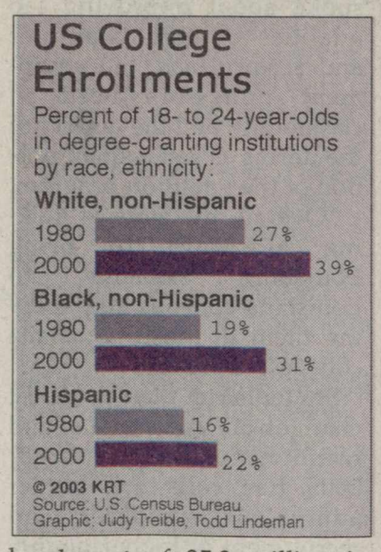
By Thomas Ginsberg
Knight Ridder Newspapers with Sauce staff

PHILADELPHIA—For the first time in U.S. history, people calling themselves Latino now outnumber those identified solely as black, according to new Census Bureau figures.

While hinging on a contestable definition of race and based on inexact estimates, the national figures released Tuesday signal the beginning of an eclipse that demographers have long predicted: Latinos, not blacks, now are or soon will make up the biggest U.S. minority group.

"What this means, more than voting rights and some of the broader civil-rights issues, is there is a greater impact on American culture and make-up," said Victor Vasquez, a Temple University historian and Latino activist in Philadelphia.

In demographic terms, the national estimates hint at a slow eclipse rather than a final breakthrough. The Census Bureau said Tuesday that its estimate of the total number of people of any race claiming Latino ethnicity in mid-2001 had hit 37 million. That was up almost 5 percent from the actual census headcount of 35.3 million in 2000. That group accounts for 13 percent of the estimated U.S. population of 284.8 million.



At the same time, the number of people identified solely as black or African-American, without another race, was 36.2 million. That was up 2 percent from 35.7 million about a year earlier, or 12.7 percent of the latest U.S. population total.

Data from NSU's Office of Institutional Research showed a 9.4 percent decline in Hispanic undergraduate students between fall 2001 and fall 2002, dropping from 171 to 155. Black undergraduate student enrollment increased 17.2 percent in the same period.

Hispanics made up NSU's fourth-largest ethnic group, behind Native Americans (173), blacks (2676) and whites (5541).

Photo by Candice Pauley

Tamela Blue, Robyn Golmon and Aldrian Carroll wait in the book vouchers' line at Campus Corner bookstore. 77 percent of NSU students used book vouchers to buy books and supplies this semester.

Book store lines, vouchers grow

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Which is worse at the beginning of a semester: long lines or expensive books?

Students this spring got a taste of both, as lines and prices at the University Bookstore and Campus Corner were bigger than usual.

Managers at both stores said book vouchers made waits in lines range from more than 20 minutes to close to an hour.

"Students came in with book vouchers and slowed down the lines but we were able to meet the demand and tried to get students out of the store fast," Campus Corner owner Lee Waskom said.

77 percent of the student population used book vouchers this spring, compared to 66 percent last spring. The extra book vouchers made lines long and tiring at both bookstores.

"We did see more book vouchers and we were extremely busy during fee payment," University Bookstore manager Karen Longino said. "Very busy Monday through Wednesday of last week, especially during the times of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m."

According to Waskom, students were able to get their vouchers early but did not take advantage of the situation. Waskom was able to increase the spending limits on book vouchers. He worked to increase the vouchers so students could come in and get all there books at once.

"Students taking about 15 hours or so (of class) would spend around $350," Waskom said. "With the increase, this will help students get all their books."

"Students could now come in and buy their books in one swoop motion and all at once instead of coming back after trying to increase their vouchers," Waskom said.

> *"Enrollment is up and that has helped our sales tremendously."*
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> —Lee Waskom
> Owner, Campus Corner

With the increase in vouchers and students buying books, both stores saw an increase in sales. Waskom stated that sales were up 10 percent since last spring.

"Enrollment is up and that has helped our sales tremendously," Waskom said.

The University Bookstore did not give figures but did say that sales were up and that they had seen an increase in profit from last spring.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
37°/16°	52°/31°	59°/31°
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers

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Three-laned Keyser St. Bridge to reopen by late February

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter

The new three-lane Keyser Bridge will officially open with a ribbon-cutting and rededication ceremony Feb. 25.

According to Courtney Hornsby, Natchitoches' Main Street Manager, the ceremony will be held exactly 40 years after the original dedication that named the bridge for former Natchitoches Mayor John H. Keyser.

The bridge will be decorated with ornamental black iron railing very similar to the downtown Church Street Bridge.

The bridge is expected to alleviate some traffic congestion that has been burdening motorists.

According to Department of Transportation representative Jonathan Lachney, the new bridge provides a third lane so that drivers will not have to wait through several light changes to turn left onto Jefferson street.

Lachney said the overall cost of the bridgework would not be known until the bridge is completed, but he estimates the cost to be around $4.1 million. The project is being operated and paid for by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Construction workers continue progress on the Keyser Bridge.

New ID number system to help protect student, faculty Social Security numbers

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Students will no longer be required to provide their Social Security numbers to access unofficial records.

In February, the students and faculty will have a new identification system. This new campus-wide identification number can be accessed only by the NSU computer system.

"Since Sept. 11, protecting Social Security numbers has been a primary emphasis on this campus," University registrar Lillie Frazier Bell said. "This system will keep the Social Security number private and create a unique student ID number."

The campus-wide identification number will be used for assigning grades, class schedules, financial aid and other information. The new number will not physically change any of the student's records. The system hides the Social Security number in the system so it will not show on the screen.

"If someone gets the campus-wide number illegally, they cannot get the Social Security number," Bell said.

"I think the campus-wide ID number will prevent unqualified people from dealing with anyone's Social Security number," freshman criminal justice major Lariana Graham said.

Students will be able to access the new number in February from the NSU web site (www.nsula.edu). Students will be required to enter their Social Security number and date of birth to receive the ID number.

"I think the campus-wide ID number will prevent unqualified people from dealing with anyone's Social Security number."

—Lariana Graham
Freshman criminal justice major

Students can also visit the Registrar's Office and present their picture to obtain the number.

"It maybe a little harder for some students to remember, but it is a good and safe idea," senior social work major Addy Gladu said.

The campus identification software is being tested with the current system to make sure it is running properly. There will be a live test of the system on Jan. 28.

Blackboard-enabled classes, including all eNSU Internet courses, already use a new identification system. The new user names use elements of the student's name and a three-digit number.

"By the end of January, students will receive a letter about the changes," Bell said.

Retention

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tion of the program, journalism professor Paula Furr said.

"The state recognizes that education is central to keeping resources obtained from students," Furr said.

Webb said the University has planned to improve all aspects of education. He spoke about improving lab qualities of both computer and science labs, the equipment professors need in classrooms, and the quality of the dorms as just a small portion of the retention program.

"Overall, the state is looking at ways to bring Louisiana students to Louisiana colleges and keeping them in those Louisiana colleges," Furr said.

Students can plan to expect changes in admissions and recruitment. The plan set for 2005 has calls for higher admissions standards and recruitment of higher quality students.

Despite the statewide effort of improving student retention, Webb said that it has been an issue looked at by the University long before the state took it into their hands. Webb has planned to keep retention on his list of priorities during and after the state's plan goes through in 2005.

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CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Positions open

The Student Activities Board is accepting applications for two available representative-at-large positions and one Columns residential representative position. Fill out an application in Room 214 of the Student Union. Friday at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to pickup and return an application.

Attention all RSOs

RSO Certification packets are due January 31 in Room 214 of the Student Union by 4:30 p.m. No exceptions. The documents are available at www.nsula.edu/student_activities/rso.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. The first meeting will be held at Russell Hall in Room 213 at noon on Monday. Regular meetings will be held every Monday. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Interfraternity Council

Concentrated Open Recruitment will be Jan. 27–31. For more information, call 357-6511.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 3-4 in Kyser Hall Room 341. All new members need to purchase a T-shirt. Also, all members need to pick up raffle tickets. For more information, see Dr. Pratt in office 314K (357-5590) or your class representative.

NSU Tutors

NSU Tutors will hold an informational meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information e-mail NSU_Tutors@hotmail.com. NSU Tutors proveds free tutoring to local elementary and middle school students. If you have at least one free hour per week, we would love to inform you about our organization.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled by Glenn Ward

Jan. 15

■ 10:21 p.m. A suspicious person wearing a black mask was seen leaving the HPE building. 10:22 p.m. Two units responded and the person was gone.

Jan. 16

■ 7:14 a.m. An instructor called to inform the front desk she had recently undergone surgery and would be parking in the Handicapped zone. The desk said she would receive a citation, that she needed to report to the NSU police with a valid doctor's excuse to receive a handicap hangtag. Instructor didn't have a doctor's excuse.

■ 10:44 a.m. A red Mercury was broken into at Bossier Hall. Units arrived at 10:45 a.m.

■ 9:15 p.m. A Rapides A.C. called reporting that an R.A. found what appeared to be a B.B. gun. Units arrived within the minute and confiscated the Marksman Repeater 4.5 mm B.B. gun.

■ 11:37 p.m. Boozman A.A.C. called reporting a suspicious male walking around the dorm. A unit arrived at 11:38 p.m. and no subjects were found. The A.A.C. gathered residents to make statements.

Jan. 17

■ 9:03 a.m. Roy Davis reported a theft from KNWD in Kyser Hall Room 109. The estimated value stolen exceeds $12,000.

■ 11:16 a.m. Front desk of Sabine calls in about thief on fourth floor south. Two units arrived at 11:21 a.m. and both left by 11:34 because the subject had I.D.

Jan. 18

■ 12:37 a.m. Silent alarm went off in the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. 12:40 a.m. Unit arrived and found door unlocked, but no one inside.

■ 8:26 p.m. Students making figure eights with their vehicles in the TEC parking lot. 8:28 p.m. Units arrived, both subjects issued citations.

■ 10:23 p.m. Someone reported some kids putting soap in the Russell Hall fountain. A unit arrived at 10:25 p.m. The students said the soap was in the fountain when they arrived.

Jan. 19

■ 6:50 p.m. NSU officer assisted the city police in locating a runaway from the girl's home.

■ 8:48 p.m. Prudhomme RA called in reference to one of the residents being approached by two males, one with a gun. 8:50 p.m. Two officers arrived and walked around the building but where unable to located suspect.

■ 11:43 p.m. Prudhomme RA called back and stated that some of the students who live in the last room heard someone outside the window, looked out, and saw two suspects running off. The NSU police advised him, "We were making passes already, but we'll make them more frequent." 11:46 p.m. Unit arrived and spoke to students, checked hedges near stadium, baseball field and made frequent passes until staying on stationary patrol until 3:28 a.m.

Jan. 20

■ 3:45 a.m. Just advised six TKE members they had to leave the TKE house. They said they thought they could stay, but the unit said they did not have knowledge of that and told them to leave. They complied.

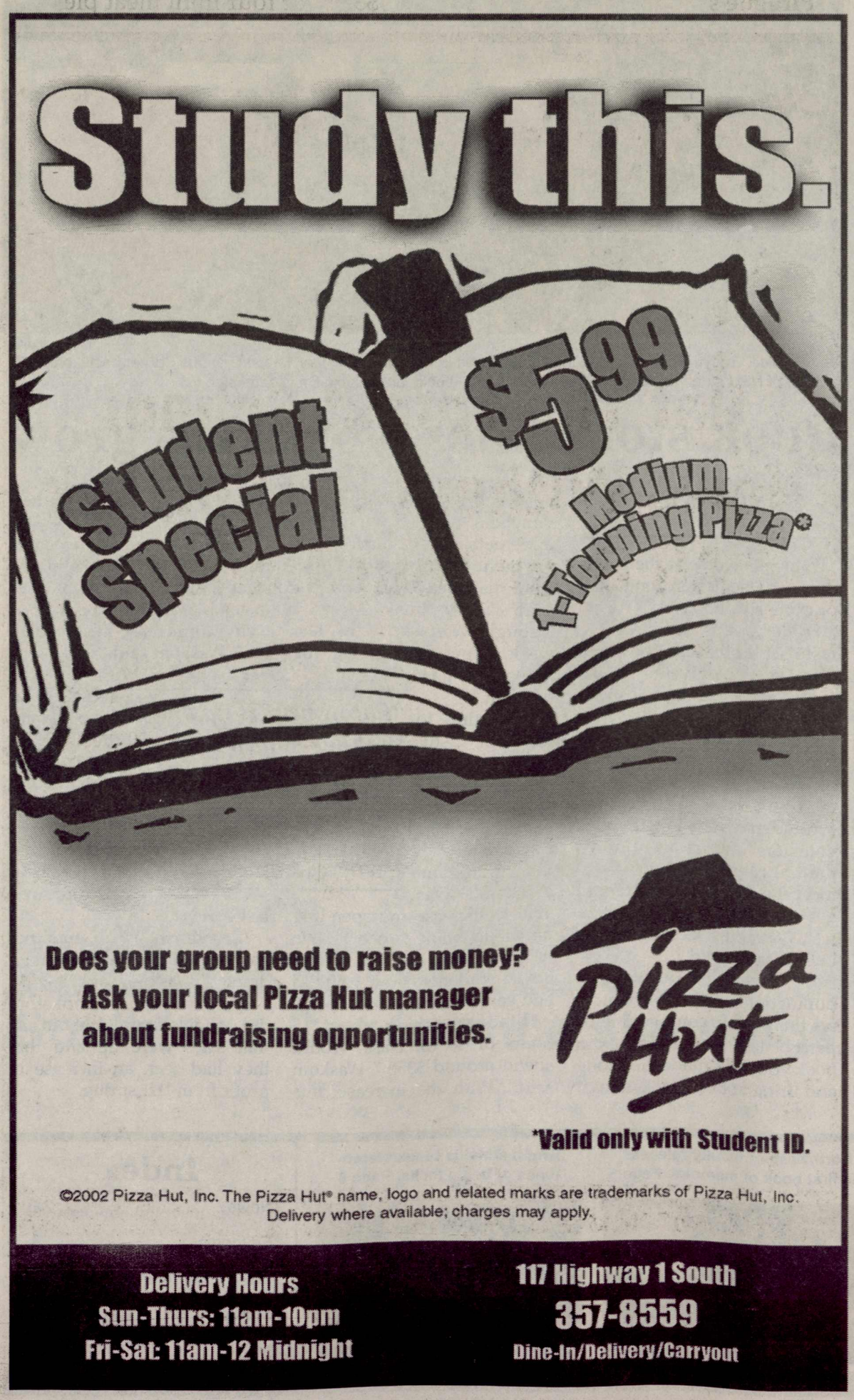
■ 7:54 p.m. The A.C. of Caspari reported that his dorm room was broken into, and his Gamecube stolen. He assured residents that none of the keys had been taken.

■ 11:17 p.m. A residence burglary was reported from marred student housing. Two units arrived at 11:20 p.m.

Jan. 21

■ 1:21 a.m. A Caspari resident, Room 111, reported a theft. A unit arrived at 1:23 a.m.

■ 8:23 p.m. A theft was reported at Le Rendevous. A unit arrived at 8:25 p.m. to find that a student had walked out without paying for ice cream, but had come back in a few minutes and paid.



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MEAT PIE

A PIE-O-MENTARY, PART 2: THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF THE NATCHITOCHES MEAT PIE

BY CALLIE REAMES, CHIEF WRITER

Photo by Amanda Breaux

MEAT PIES are a longtime Natchitoches food tradition. The meaty pastry has its local origins with James Lasyone, the 71-year old owner of Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen and Restaurant. His oldest daughter, Angela Lasyone, has been around the now famous meat pies for most of her 39 years.

Angela's father started out as a butcher next door to his present day restaurant, but meat pies would soon became his business. Successful sales paved the way for Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen and Restaurant, but it started humbly as street vending.

"When my father was young, they used to peddle them in carts," Angela said.

Meat pies were not a popular meal at the time, and the people who knew the recipe were getting older. The meal was on the verge of becoming extinct.

"He revived them," Angela said. Lasyone learned the meat pie recipes and modified them to create his unique meat pies.

The recipe itself is a patented secret. Angela can reveal that a meat pie is 80 percent beef, 20 percent pork ground with seasonings, but cannot say what those seasonings are.

The meat pies are then put inside a handmade pastry and the edges are crimped with a fork. The cooking takes about three minutes in a deep fryer.

Angela said she did not know the nutritional value of the meat pies. Employees monitor the taste and quality by sampling the meat pies at few times each week.

"Anytime you deal with non-machine made food, you have to check consistency," Angela said.

The Lasyone's meat pie dish differs from meat pies elsewhere in the country and world.

"When you get to meat pies up north you have chunks of meat and vegetables," Angela said.

The French Canadian Tourtiere, or meat pie, is made the size of an actual pie and a large potato is included in the recipe.

Australia has its own version of meat pies that are a national fast food dish. The gravy and meat filled crust is said to be the Aussie equivalent to an American hot dog.

There is meat pie competition much closer to Natchitoches than Canada or Australia.

The Natchitoches Meat Pie Company, Incorporated, is located in nearby Coushatta.

They sell meat pies, mini meat pies, crawfish pies and mini crawfish pies locally to Magee's Patio Café, The Cotton Patch, The Landing Restaurant and various gas stations.

The company started 22 years ago and has grown to a corporation that provides over 60,000 pies daily to eight states.

Wal-Mart sells the meat pies in boxes that senior general studies major Chris Nash sometimes buys.

"I'm lucky to get three a week," Nash said about the meat pies, which are one of his favorite foods.

"I don't sit around thinking about why I like meat pies. I just know they taste good," Nash said.

Another place Nash buys meat pies is at McGee's Patio Café. The $1.99 order is precooked when it arrives at McGee's on a Conco distributing truck.

Meat pies may sound like an unusual subject for a theatre production, but composer Steven Sondheim's 1979 musical thriller *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street* was based on the story of a homicidal barber who was thought to have killed about 160 patrons at his 18th century London barbershop.

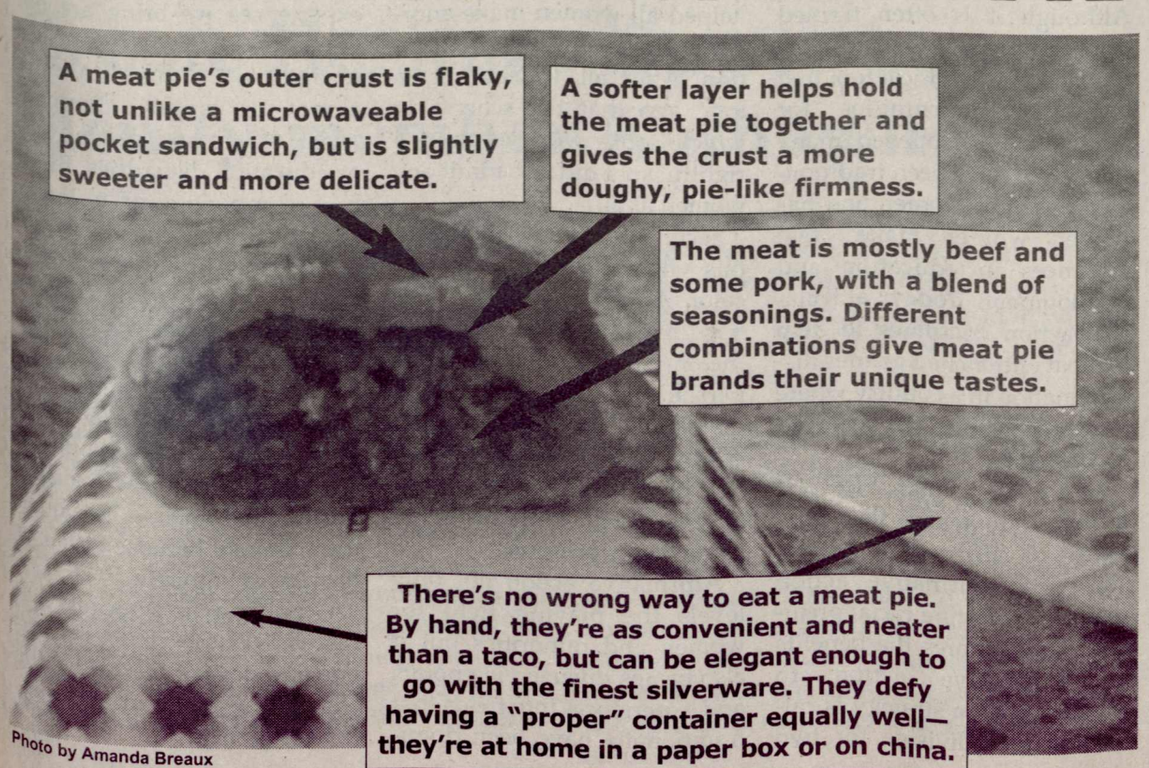
Sweeny Todd had a lady friend who owned a pie shop and used many of his victims as meat for her meat pies. Todd was convicted and hung in 1802, and his lady friend poisoned herself while in prison.

Sondheim's musical, however, won eight Tony awards, including one for Best Musical.

WHERE TO GET A MEAT PIE IN NATCHITOCHES

The Cotton Patch	$1.89
Magee's Patio Café	$1.99
Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen	$2.25 to go, $3.00 dine in
The Landing Restaurant	$2.50
Pirogue's	$3.95 for four mini meat pies

ANATOMY OF A MEAT PIE



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Reality television: Laborers, lies and bling

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in Chief

It's really hard to find anything worth watching on television these days. Outside of CBS's "The Tonight Show with David Letterman," reruns of "Seinfeld" and ESPN's "SportsCenter," everything else is pretty much crap.

There are a few other programs worth watching. "Trading Spaces" on The Learning Channel is a favorite among my group of peers.

The "redecoration" series is so popular that it gave one of my friends the idea of building a functional stripper's pole. Wouldn't you know it that as of last weekend he has a silver stripper's pole erected (no pun intended) right in the middle of his bedroom.

"Trading Spaces" falls under the genre of reality-based television, America's newest favorite pastime. However, it is not the first reality based show. MTV's "The Real World" sparked America's interest in this genre of television, but reality television did not become mainstream until a few years ago with CBS's "Survivor."

Currently Fox's "Joe Millionaire" is all the rage in reality-based television. Fox.com says that Joe Millionaire is the reality television show where "romance and reality intertwine as 20 women travel to France for a whirlwind romance with a man whom they think is a dashing millionaire."

Ultimately Joe, a.k.a. Evan, will choose one of the 20 women to fall in love with. But will the woman of Evan's dreams love him for who he is—a 28-year-old, $19,000 per year construction worker—or for his pocket book, which "in reality" probably contains $1.50 and a coupon for a Big Mac.

Fox has really pulled the fur over our eyes. Why do we feel compelled to watch this lie? Who is the victim here, the woman who will be picked to be with the alleged "millionaire" or the millions viewers who watch each week? I must admit I am guilty of tuning in each week to see which gold digger will be booted out of the French chateau next.

As far as I am concerned, some dumb pooh-head named Evan and the Fox Network has changed the face of dating forever. Women all over the world will never believe another word uttered by man—as if it wasn't bad enough already. No longer will men be able to use the Adam and Eve "tree of knowledge" thing against women. From here on out, women will do extensive background checks before they even consider dating men.

Guys, you can thank the Fox Network for every time you are out socializing and are kicked in the groin by a woman when you tell her you make more than $19,000 per year. One day, guys will reminisce about when women were so gullible. But like Anna Nicole Smith, women are still gold diggers, and that's something that Fox will never be able to change.

I-N-V-E-S-T, find out what it did for me and my wallet

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Guest Columnist

So you're finished handing over your dear dollar bills to NSU, the bookstores and your respective student organizations and have stared telling stories from that killer back to school party you just threw. Now what are you going to do? Well, after last semester's performance you promised yourself that *this* would be your 4.0 semester. You've vowed to attend all your classes and take your tests on time, excellent start. What about your finances?

If you have money leftover from Christmas or working over the break, there are few things you should do with your funds instead of going to the Body.

First and foremost is make a budget for how you are going to spend your funds this semester, that way you don't call home the weekend before Mardi Gras asking for beer, err, food funds.

Second is pay any credit card debt you are carrying. College is when credit card companies lure students into making bad decisions that could affect the rest of their lives. Think about it, even if you have a "good" interest rate of 14 percent that means you are actually paying $114 for that hundred dollar Wal-Mart run. If you use credit cards, then be sure to pay the balances in full each month.

After you have budgeted enough money for paying for rent, utilities, etc. and have paid your debt then look at investing in the stock market with your discretionary funds instead of spending them on import beers.

Right now the market may seem bleak, but where others see despair I see hope. Stocks are not bottoming out—*they are on sale.* While that is not the case for all companies, you can find solid and growing companies with investigation and research. I would look into Dividend Re-Investment Programs.

There are many well known companies that have DRIP accounts, for instance Coca-Cola. Instead of paying the dividends to you directly, the company will re-invest the earnings to buy additional shares of stock. This is one way to make your stock portfolio grow as you head toward retirement.

Another great way to prepare for retirement is to invest in an IRA account. These Individual Retirement Accounts are mutual funds that cannot be withdrawn from until you reach 65 years of age. The power of the IRA lies in the fact that the market has shown a return of 10 percent over the long run. Given a 10 percent return, if an 18-year-old invested $2000 every year for five years, he would have over one million dollars upon retirement. Under President Bush's tax reforms individuals can contribute $3000 this year and next year it will go up to $5000.

The IRA funds build on their on growth, but must be given time to grow, so theoretically even a $10,000 investment when you are young will greatly out perform a $25,000 investment in your '30s.

I hope that in addition to getting a 4.0 this semester you are going get your financial matters in order. The stock market has a great potential to increase your wealth, but remember do not invest more than you can loose and do not buy "hot" stock picks, do your own research. If you have any questions ask your parents or even better ask your business teacher for advice on where to begin. Good luck!

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Relationships 101: Sex, drugs, rock and relationships

By Dr. Mark Goulston
Courtesy of KRT Campus

Dear Dr. Mark,

When I'm upset about something I can get into pretty foul moods. I just feel like I can't control myself. When it happens I become irritable and snap at everyone. Then when I'm over it, I go around apologizing to everyone I've snapped at. How do I break the cycle, and is there anything I can do to shorten how long these moods last?

Moody at University of Massachusetts

Dear Moody,

A patient I used to see had a similar problem and came up with an approach that helped him. Maybe it will help you. It had two parts.

The first part had to do with something he did as soon as realized he was upset. As soon as he felt upset, instead of blaming someone else or himself for doing something stupid, he said to himself: "It's happening again. I hate it when I get this way." This enabled him to not deny it, but to not dwell on it the way he used to. Then he would tell himself firmly and over and over: "Just let time pass and don't do anything to make it worse." He realized that in the past he would usually do something after he became upset that would make things worse, such as drinking or having a tantrum.

The second part had to do with acting differently with people when he was in a "mood." He realized that when he felt that way, there was nothing people could say or do that would make him feel better. They could only irritate him and make him feel worse. Like you, he'd snap at others and then apologize a day or so later when he felt better. What he started to do differently was tell people who would try to make him feel better: "I'm having one of those days when I just feel angry. You didn't cause it, and there's nothing you can do to make it better. I just have to let it run its course, so I'm going to lay low, and I'll let you know when I'm fit company to talk to."

It will probably not surprise you what happened. Being in control and having more consideration for others when he was in a bad mood caused him to get over his anger in half the time.

(Dr. Mark Goulston is the author of "Get Out of Your Own Way: Overcoming Self-Defeating Behavior," published by Perigee Books. Send your questions to Dr. Mark at mgoulsto@ucla.edu or visit him at www.couplescompany.com.)

Affirmative action is also a women's issue

By Gretchen Borchelt
Courtesy KRT Campus

I am a white woman, and I support affirmative action.

Why? Because affirmative action is a women's issue. Although it is often framed solely in racial terms, affirmative action is a critical tool that expands opportunities for women. It has opened many doors that have been traditionally closed to women and has helped women make great advances in education and employment. Today, affirmative action continues to help combat entrenched gender discrimination in a country where women have not yet achieved full equality.

As a white woman, I feel it is important to answer the opponents of affirmative action. Targeting affirmative action plays into existing racial prejudices and ignores the benefits of affirmative action to women. Such a strategy is calculated and divisive for two main reasons.

First, the strategy of using white women to challenge affirmative action pits white women against women of color by disregarding the fact that affirmative action has helped all women make enormous strides in higher education. After all, it was not so long ago that the schools in which some women claim a rightful spot did not admit any women at all.

Second, such a strategy also pits whites against people of color. Affirmative action does not give minorities slots that "belong to" white students; no person has a reserved spot. Instead, affirmative action ensures that qualified individuals of all races and both genders have equal opportunity to compete for positions.

Affirmative action not only levels the playing field for women and minorities but it also brings diverse viewpoints and experiences into fields that traditionally have been dominated by white men.

"Colorblind" admissions ignore a crucial fact of life: Differences exist in people. We are not all the same, our history in this country is not the same, and the talents we offer and experiences we bring are not the same. Affirmative action recognizes this—standing alone, it cannot eliminate racial, ethnic and gender bias or education disparities. But it is a component of a larger strategy to achieve equal opportunity for all Americans, and it is a tool worth preserving because it has made a difference.

I am not concerned that opportunities are being taken away from me by people of color. Nor do I fear losing a position to someone "less qualified" merely because of her or his race or ethnicity.

What I fear is a society that ignores a history of discrimination and does not prioritize the elimination of racial and gender inequality.

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Prayer Meetings & Pink Corduroys

A book written by NSU faculty member Jerry Pierce

Photo by Candice Pauley
Jerry Pierce (right) signs *Prayer Meetings and Pink Corduroys*, his book of memoirs, for Louis Price (left) last Friday.

By Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter

Growing up in Springhill, La., in the '40s and '50s gave Jerry Pierce a lot to write about.

He shares his memories every month in his "Reflections" column, which appears in the statewide magazine *Louisiana Country*.

"They [articles] have been running in there for seven or eight years and every time it [the magazine] goes out, [the editor] will get a call or a letter saying 'We wish ya'll would put these in a book'," Pierce said.

So they did.

Pierce, vice president of external affairs and journalism faculty member, had been asked to do a book before, but at first he resisted.

"I'd never have [written a book], because I didn't have the time," he said.

The pieces were assembled and Pierce later added and removed different articles.

Prayer Meetings & Pink Corduroys was born.

Pierce's hometown also inspired the book's title.

The Springhill community revolved around church services and prayer meetings, some of which took place in Pierce's own home, complete with baked cookies and hair treatments.

"Anytime I smelled a home permanent, I knew there was a prayer meeting going on," he said.

The other half of the title came from a '50s fashion statement.

"Most of the guys had some pink Corduroy pants," Pierce said. "It was something that faded away, thank goodness."

The book was first published in early December. The journalism department held a book signing reception last Friday at The Book Merchant on Front Street.

Journalism faculty and Natchitoches residents attended the signing from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Pierce considered the book signing a success and another book signing in Pierce's hometown is in the works.

Journalism Departmental Secretary Lee B. "Dootsie" McNeely attended the signing and is reading the book.

"It's very entertaining and I can relate because Jerry and I are of the same time frame," McNeely said. "Back when we were growing up, we had to invent our own fun and that's what a lot of the book is about."

'Joe Millionaire' women dislike money-grubbing label

By Donna Petrozzello
New York Daily News
Courtesy KRT Campus

First they were dumped by "Joe Millionaire."

Now the spurned women of Fox's red-hot reality show are worrying about how they'll lose their image as money-grubbers.

"I'm concerned about what people think of me," said contestant Dana, 26, a secretary from Los Angeles who, like the others interviewed for this story, refused to give her last name.

"I'm still single, and I think the gold-digger label will be hard to shake."

Dana was one of 20 women who flew to France last fall believing they were going to meet a multimillionaire bachelor.

It wasn't until weeks after the show was taped that the women found out the man, Evan Marriott, was a construction worker.

Over the weekend, Fox executives defended the ploy, saying it's all part of being on a reality show.

> ***"I'm still single, and I think the gold-digger label will be hard to shake."***
>
> **-Dana**
> About stereotypes

"I think that when people get involved in these unscripted shows these days, they know they're in for a ride," said Gail Berman, Fox's entertainment president, told the Television Critics Association.

While the women involved may not have been thrilled with the outcome or with being on the wrong side of a practical joke Berman noted that many of them have been involved in postproduction publicity, suggesting they were satisfied with the series.

"It worried me, after I found out about the premise of the show, whether I'd ever get a date again," said Amanda, a 28-year-old flight attendant from Arizona. "I hope nobody takes the show that seriously.".

Over "Joe Millionaire's" seven-week run, they'll see Marriott narrow the field to one woman.

In the final episode, he'll reveal his true background.

What may be funny to viewers wasn't that funny to all the players.

"I felt a little betrayed," Dana said. "I didn't find out until I got a call from producers that the show would be about the gold diggers meet the ditch digger.' But I knew going into it that reality TV is all about surprises and humiliation."

Gretchen, a 29-year-old senior account manager from Santa Monica, Calif., who was cut in the first episode, took the lie in stride.

"I assumed there'd be a twist to the show, and I think it's hysterical," she said.

"But I'm not the one who ended up last with all eyes on her.

Under it all: The Joe Boxer dancer, zany guy

By Gaile Robinson
Courtesy KRT Campus

He dropped his pants, did a dance, and the rest is advertising history.

Vaughn Lowery, the 28-year-old Joe Boxer dance man, is joining the ranks of all-star pitchmen, right up there with the Dell Guy and Mr. Whipple.

Lowery has been doing his doofus dance in Kmart ads, dressed only in Joe Boxer underwear, since July, and already he has his own Web site, www.aboutvaughn.com, a fan club and many television appearances, such as one recently when he tried to teach Katie Couric on NBC's "Today Show" how to do his inimitable dance.

That is the secret to Lowery's success: His dance is ridiculous, his attitude infectiously giggly. He says everyone has a secret dance they do in front of the bathroom mirror in their underwear; he just does his for the camera. He smiles a huge smile, and the TV audience smiles with him.

Kmart gets fan mail about Lowery. When the giant discounter put Lowery's dance on the Internet (www.kmart.com), it was downloaded 30,000 times in the first week.

When the store put up a site, www.kmartboxers.com, to preview the holiday commercials that feature Lowery doing his dance dressed in a silver gift box that is stripped away to reveal Santa boxers, it received 180,000 hits in the first week.

This frivolity is new to Lowery's career. On his Internet site there are photos from his modeling days. He looks "GQ"-cool and aloof. It's a lie.

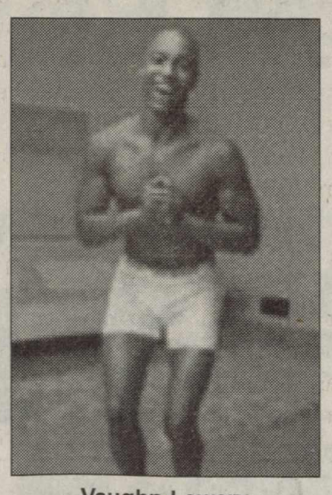
Lowery is "exactly like the commercials," said Kmart spokesman David Karraker, adding that the company likes that energy and has Lowery under a long-term contract. "He's like a hyperactive puppy."

The Boxer Boogie ads, as they are known, consistently rate in the top 10 commercials that consumers remember.

Karraker says e-mail that has crossed his screen indicates that what fans like is the good-natured fun of the ads. It's not sex that's selling this time, but silliness.

Some Vaughn wannabes have sent their own dancing-in-my-shorts shorts to Kmart and, though there are no plans to commercially exploit any of the average Joes and their homemade films, "they might be put on the Web site," says Karraker.

Inspired dancing is how Lowery got the gig --it wasn't scripted. He was auditioning for a group of Joe Boxer commercials, one with two guys, another with a couple. When he was asked to say his name and show his enthusiasm for the product, Lowery "dropped his drawers and did his boogie and we got something really magic," Colette Landi Sipperly of Kmart said.



Vaughn Lowery

Lowery was shocked at his own behavior and thought he had blown the audition, but the ad agency TBWA/Chiat/Day in Los Angeles and Kmart, based in Detroit, Lowery's hometown, knew they had to have that man and that dance.

Lowery was asked to re-create his screen-test moment, again and again, for 25 takes.

As a result of his impromptu performance, TV and movie offers are coming in, though no one wants to jinx a deal by talking prematurely.

Lowery has four other national commercials, but what he really wants to do is -- drum roll, please--act in a major motion picture. For now, though, he is content to be the major motion on the small screen.

Creole Heritage Day to honor faculty member Kathleen Byrd

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

Creole culture and heritage will be celebrated this weekend with the 10th Annual Creole Heritage Day Celebration.

Starting on Friday with an awards ceremony and carrying over to Saturday with music, food and crafts, the celebration is a joint effort by the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern and the St. Augustine Historical Society.

Ten individuals deemed important to the promotion of Creole culture and heritage will receive awards at Friday's opening ceremony.

NSU's Head of the Department of Social Sciences Kathleen Byrd is among this year's honorees.

"I've always been very enthusiastic about heritage preservation," Byrd, a member of the center's advisory and foundation boards, said. "I think the Creoles are taking a lead in putting together information for fellow Creoles and the larger population."

Saturday's activities on the grounds of St. Augustine Catholic Church include live music, food, crafts and family history/genealogy exhibits and workshops. Admission is $7 for adults and $2 for children age seven to 17.

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center promotes the activities and endeavors of the Louisiana Creoles and their culture. Serving as the center for knowledge, understanding and appreciation for the culture, it is also an office of support to Louisiana and national Creole communities.

Need $50? Get a loan from the SGA

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

Students in desperate need of a little extra money may be able to find their salvation in the unlikely arms of the Student Government Association.

An old but little known program allows current students to take out small loans from the SGA for very little interest.

Article 4, Section 5 of the SGA constitution outlines the requirements and limitations of the program. The student must be enrolled full-time and have already paid off all fines and fees owed to the University. The applicant must also have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average as well as a 2.0 grade point average for the previous semester. A good loan record is also required.

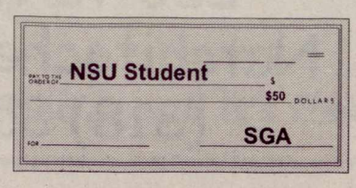
The loans are for no more than $50 and must be paid back within 30 days along with a 50-cent set interest fee.

If the loan is not paid off by this deadline, a five-dollar fine is assessed.

If the loan is not paid off by the end of the semester, a hold is put on that student's account and they will be banned from taking out any more SGA loans for one year.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour is in charge of the program. He believes the loans can be very helpful and that more students should be aware of the program.

He cautions, however, that loans should only be taken out by those who absolutely need them. In order to apply, interested students should go by Seymour's office between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.



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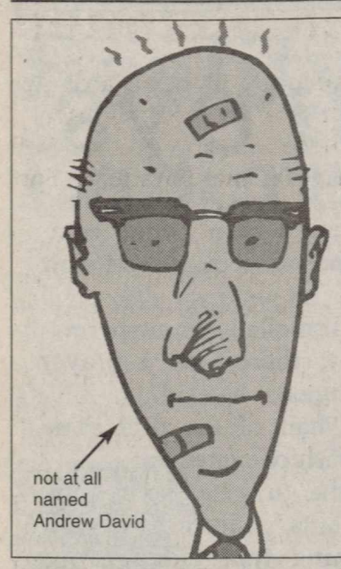

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Weekly Horoscope

■ **Aries (March 21-April 20).**
Family and workplace discussions will lead to change. Before midweek, expect relatives or co-workers to be critical of past procedures or frustrated by repeated patterns. For many Aries natives, this brief period of disjointed communications will bring about important improvements. After Saturday, expect others to find new routes to success or introduce unusual social, family or group events. Join in; new ideas and fast proposals will be rewarding.

■ **Taurus (April 21-May 20).**
An intense work relationship may be revealed to be frustrating or limited. Business relations that were previously cheerful or flippant enter a brief stage of competition. Expect others to be moody or easily irritated by the successes of others. All of this passes quickly; so not to worry. Do, however, refuse to be drawn into an unproductive work triangle. After midweek, romantic messages and subtle social requests will arrive.

■ **Gemini (May 21-June 21).**
Romance and long-term friendships are on the agenda. Before Wednesday, expect friends or lovers to ask for greater commitments or hint at changes to come. Some Geminis may find that loved ones become highly focused on travel plans, educational programs or financial competition. Later in the week, discuss ongoing issues of trust, loyalty or romantic style. Others will respond with new ideas and creative suggestions.

■ **Cancer (June 22-July 22).**
Business and social communications may reveal an unexpected competition. Early this week, watch for friends and work associates to discuss recent dealings with authority figures or mutual friends. Listen carefully for indications of subtle politics. At present, others will be focused on gain, ambition or social politics. After midweek, rest and allow creative reflection to clarify your thoughts. An oddly demanding week. Stay balanced.

■ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).**
Friends and lovers may express strong opinions. Early this week expect a sharp increase in social politics, family discussion or subtle comments from a friend. All of this may be intense, but it will also be temporary. Pace yourself and do whatever it takes to remain cheerful. After midweek, emotions will shift; wait for group agreement and renewed social interest before suggesting revised schedules. Positive emotional rewards will arrive. Stay open.

■ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**
Before Wednesday, lovers or friends may express restlessness and frustration. Key issues may involve repeated patterns in relationships or unwanted advice from family members. Realize that there is little you can do to help a friend through social or family issues. Over the next few days, set clear boundaries and wait for change. After midweek, attitudes will change. Watch for group approval and new home acceptance to become ongoing themes.

■ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**
Business partners and work colleagues will be looking to you for social guidance. A recent disagreement or workplace battle of wills will require a delicate approach. Expect others to be silent, but emotional. Avoid direct confrontations and do your best to create a cheerful environment. Later this week, a unique invitation may bring new romantic interest into your life. Stay open to subtle overtures from friends or rare statements of affection.

■ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**
Romantic invitations are on the rise. Early Tuesday, expect lovers and close friends to flirt, issue proposals or reveal previously withheld attractions. Many Scorpios will enter a complicated series of emotional or romantic triangles. All is positive, however, and will lead to solid progress in relationships. After midweek, watch also for a recent business agreement to quickly change. New information or additions may cause conflict. Stay alert.

■ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**
Early this week, a renewed faith in long-term relationships may arrive. Expect gentle feelings of love or affection to captivate your thoughts. Some Sagittarians may also encounter an unusual romantic proposal from the past. Old lovers, trusted friends or important sentimental issues from the past might have strong appeal. After midweek, a business venture from seven weeks ago will also resurface. Watch for financial disagreements and revised proposals.

■ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).**
Listen carefully to your inner voice. A recent business disappointment or challenge may lead to powerful wisdom and creative advancement. Watch the actions and behaviors of managers or bosses over the next few days. Aspects indicate that private negotiations may be revealed. Remain open to sudden proposals or reversals. After midweek, a lover or close friend may be particularly flirtatious and affectionate. Enjoy quiet moments with trusted friends.

■ **Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).**
Social events or team projects may be difficult to manage. Expect friends and colleagues to be overly concerned with social appearances or public reputation. Remain in the background, if possible. At present, there's not much you can do to influence deeply held opinions. After midweek, watch also for an authority figure to release new financial information or business plans. Expect further changes to priorities and personnel in the coming weeks.

■ **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).**
A new relationship may captivate your attention. Social activities and group events will bring many new introductions. This is an excellent time to expand your social life and renew your emotional commitments with old friends. Later this week, family discussions may be on the agenda. Areas affected are long-term spending, investments or changes to the home. Stay open to fresh ideas. At present, loved ones may be excited by new family or housing options.

■ **If your birthday is this week ...**
Long-term relationships may be redefined to include revised home plans, family expectations or increased commitment. In the coming weeks, loved ones will openly vie for greater involvement in your life. By late February, however, new adjustments may be needed. Relocation, rare job offers or extended travel may be an ongoing theme for the next eight months. After June 11, watch also for a quick financial revision or workplace improvement. New business duties, job titles or schedules for promotion are accented. Almost three years of financial strain will fade. Watch for valuable new beginnings and fast career decisions.

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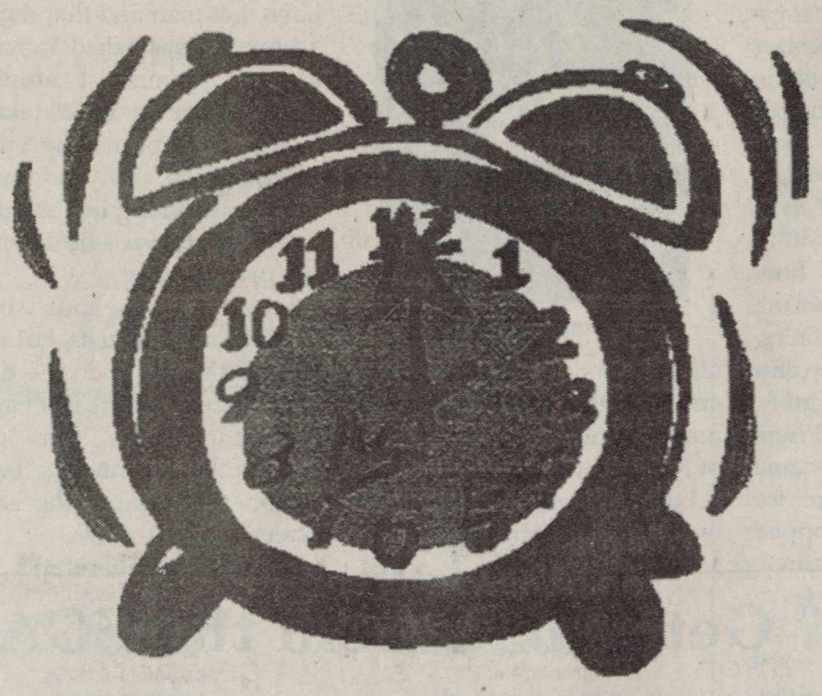

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SPORTS

By Monica Williams
NSU track team practices on the Walter Ledet Track last week. Older athletes did not participate in the Davis Invitational this past weekend because women's track coach Dean John wanted the freshman to gain experience.

NSU track has some success at Jeff Davis Invitational

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

The Jeff Davis Invitational indoor track and field meet at McNeese State University gave the track and field team a chance to get their feet wet before the highly competitive invitational meet at Louisiana State University this weekend.

There were wins, near wins and losses.

Junior Danielle Moss won the women's pole vault after clearing a nine feet high bar. The winning distance in the women's long jump was 18 feet and 1 inch, jumped by freshman Tameshia Miller.

Junior Stephanie Harmon threw 41 feet and 1 1/2 inches in the women's shot put. Harmon was happy with her win, but her victory was overshadowed by her performance, which she said was not the best she could throw.

"I get frustrated because I haven't done as well as I wanted or am capable of doing," Harmon said.

Harmon said she will be better prepared Saturday.

"I'm going to be more focused, and I'll probably get more pumped up, so I'll have more energy," Harmon said.

Senior Erica Casnave came in second in the 400-meter. Staying strong until the end is something Casnave wants to improve for future races.

> *"It slowed me down a little bit, needless to say..."*
>
> **-Jason Champagne**
> Senior sprinter about losing his shoe during the 400 meter relay

"I have a tendency to go all out in the beginning, and I die out before the race is over," Casnave said. "I'm trying to learn how to pace myself."

Junior Chasity Summerville ran the second leg of the distance medley relay. Summerville said when she runs she pushes herself even though she might not be first or second.

"My time will come," Summerville said. "It's a talent I was blessed with, and I'm going to try to maintain it."

Senior Jason Champagne also feels blessed with what he called a great gift to run. During the 400-meter relay he ran last Saturday, a runner from another school caused Champagne some problems.

"At the 150 mark the guy at the back of me stepped on my heel and knocked my shoe halfway off. So I ran trying to knock my shoe off, and my sock came off too," Champagne said. " I was barefoot the last 150."

Champagne finished the race in eighth place.

"It slowed me down a little bit, needless to say," Champagne said.

Junior Justin Wolfe, sophomore Terry Gatson and freshman Marcus Pitre placed first in the men's 400 relay with a time of 3:20:21.

The list of NSU first places was limited to four events.

"We had a few women to compete well," women's coach Dean Johnson said. "Overall the team ran poorly."

"This early in the year, with our first meet, we are kind of seeing where we're at," Johnson said. "It revealed to us that we have a long way to go"

Johnson said older athletes sat out on the meet at McNeese State University and younger athletes competed.

Johnson said it gave the freshman a chance to experience their first indoor competition at a less intense level than this coming weekend's meet at Louisiana State University.

"When we go to LSU we are going to have a lot of high quality competition," Johnson said.

NSU softball: 2003 SLC champs?

Courtesy Sports Information

Northwestern State, which has played in three of the last five NCAA Tournaments, is picked to contend again for the 2003 Southland Conference softball race with four players making the Preseason All-SLC Team released Tuesday.

Junior right-handed pitcher Crista Miller (21-9, 1.28 ERA) from Baton Rouge-Parkview Baptist was a first-team selection on the preseason all-conference team while Northwestern teammates Amanda Ortego, Nicole Martin and Lindsay Leftwich were on the Preseason All-SLC second team.

Northwestern, 45-25 last year including a 10-inning loss to LSU in the NCAA Tournament, opens the season at home Feb. 6 against Baylor. The Demons play host to the SLC Tournament May 2 through May 4 at the Demon Diamond.

NSU was picked to finish second in the SLC this season by the league's sports information directors while the conference head coaches placed the Demons third. Two-time defending regular-season champion Southwest Texas led both polls with Northwestern and Texas-San Antonio right behind in both rankings. Northwestern did get three first-place votes from the nine coaches who could rank the Demons (coaches couldn't vote for their own teams) and also got three firsts in the SID poll.

Northwestern went 22-5 last season and finished one game back of SWT in the regular season. The Demons, the only team to win all nine of its three-game conference series, captured the SLC Tournament to earn an NCAA Tournament berth. Miller and Ortego, the SLC Tournament Most Valuable Player, anchor a talented pitching staff under new head coach Eileen Schmidt.

"With our pitching, we can compete against the best teams in the country," Schmidt said. "Crista, Amanda and (sophomore) Loni (Rasberry, 7-3, 1.85 ERA) could be number one pitchers for most teams in the Southeastern Conference or the Big 12, and I'm confident saying that, from the perspective of having been in the SEC at Arkansas the past six years."

Ortego (17-13, 1.34 ERA, 257 strikeouts in 220 innings), a senior right-hander from Denham Springs, threw 54.1 straight scoreless innings at the end of last year. Leftwich, a junior third baseman from Spring, Texas, made only three errors last season (.989 fielding percentage) and batted .324 with 9 home runs and 44 RBI. Miller, a Keller, Texas product who was last year's SLC Freshman of the Year, led the SLC in hits with 83 and ranked sixth nationally with 44 steals while batting .361 and sparking defensively in the outfield.

"You never want to leave doubt, so you want to win the conference and win the conference tournament to get to the NCAA Tournament," Schmidt said.

The SLC season starts quickly for Northwestern as the Demons play a three-game series at McNeese State beginning Feb. 8.

Walter Ledet Complex still condemned

By Levi Petree
Sauce Reporter

"On your marks! Get set! Go!"

Anyone who is still waiting to hear these words coming from the Walter Ledet Track and Field Complex should have started to acquire a taste for disappointment. The athletic department decided in the spring of 2001 that the track was no longer adequate to hold competitions and after two years, the problem has yet to be solved.

Dean Johnson, women's track coach, said that by not being able to host meets the athletic department is hurt in many ways.

"On the college level we've lost two potential meets which would bring us a good bit of money from the entry fees and concessions," Johnson said. "We now have to travel for 2 extra meets and that is more money that we have to spend."

Johnson said by not having the track used in a competitive manner, also hurts in the recruiting area.

"NSU has been an excellent promoter of high school Class C-4A track competition," Johnson said. "But since we no longer have high school meets we lose the opportunity for a recruiting edge."

He said the reasoning for the track's poor condition has been weathering and in order for the asphalt to be repaired, NSU would have to demolish the track and have the base torn out.

Although the athletic department has deemed the track as unsuitable for hosting events, Johnson assures that it is still safe enough for students to use at their leisure.

Junior psychology major Mickey Dupont is one of the many students who use the facility for exercise.

"I didn't even know there was a problem with the track," Dupont said. "I just hope that when they start to fix it I don't have to pay more towards student fees for something that I wouldn't be able to use until five years after I graduate. Sort of like the IM."

Debbie and Daryl Williams, a Natchitoches couple who use the track, were also unaware of the conditions.

"We've been walking at night for about the past year and a half," Williams said, "and we've never noticed anything but it would be nice if there was a sign explaining that people need to be careful where they step."

"The administration is looking into ways to remedy the situation but money is just hard to come by," Johnson said. " And the longer we wait, the more we fall behind other schools. UL- Lafayette, McNeese, and Grambling are all getting new tracks. Hopefully we can get something done in the near future and return to the level that we were at as one of the state's better facilities."

Demon crew begins spring sprint season

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

NSU Crew coach Alan Pasch and his salty band of rowers began their spring season of rowing last Wednesday morning.

Waking before even the sun had a chance to hit its cosmic snooze button, the team took to a heavy regiment of running and calisthenics designed to strengthen them for a season focused around speed.

As opposed to the 6000-meter courses frequented in the fall season, the crew trades in endurance and a steady stroke rate for explosive power and mind numbing pain.

For Pasch the biggest factor this semester is size. Boasting 16 members in the spring 2002 semester, he is excited about the possibilities of this semester's team of 38.

"Building a big base like this will help with recruiting," Pasch said. "And the intensity of competition will raise to a level it hasn't been at before."

The crew starts the new season after a successful fall marked with competition medals, the 13th Annual Marathon Championship and their always anticipated grudge match with Tulane University.

Highlights of this crew season include the Atlanta Erg Sprints and the Southeastern Intercollegiate Rowing Association (S.I.R.A.) Regatta in Tennessee. A school sport notorious for traveling, the crew will have an inter-squad race on the Cane River in March.

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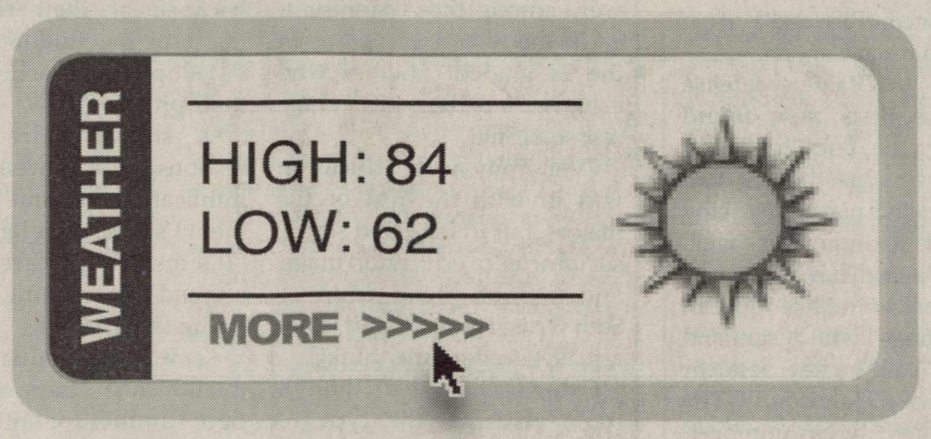

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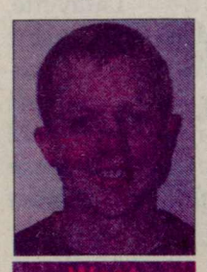
The way I see it:

Super Bowl XXXVII

By Patrick West
Sports Columnist

Super Bowl Sunday is finally here and it looks to be a great game between the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I have the big head right now because way back at the beginning of this crazy NFL season I predicted that the Raiders and Bucs would be in the Super Bowl.


West

Midway through the season everyone laughed and said it would not happen. Why? The Raiders had lost four straight and it did not look so good, but they won their division and earned the top seed in the AFC. The rest is history as they coasted through the playoffs .

The Buccaneers, however, had a tougher schedule. Finishing the regular season as the No. 2 seed in the NFC meant they might have to travel to cold weather for the NFC Championship game. They were on their way to the dump fans call Veterans Stadium.

Critics and skeptics were all over the Bucs saying they could not win in the cold. Guess again as the newfound Bucs offense ripped through the Eagles defense as the Bucs dominated the Eagles.

Every NFL fan is drooling over this match up. Here are several factors on why you should watch the Super Bowl:

1. The Bucs No. 1 defense against the Raider No. 1 offense. Can the hard-hitting Bucs defense stop the highflying passing attack of Rich Gannon and the Raiders? The Raiders have not faced a defense of this magnitude and it will be a huge test for them to pass. Should be fun to watch to see if Simeon Rice and Warren Sapp can reach Gannon.

2. Can the Raiders defense stop the Bucs new found offense? The Bucs have surprised everyone the last two weeks in the playoffs moving the ball exceptionally well. Tampa Bay will have to try and run the ball with Mike "Your In Good Hands" with Alstott and get the ball to key receiver Keyshawn Johnson. The Raiders defense has improved vastly with Tory James and Charles Woodson healed

3. The ageless wonders that is Oakland. Bill Romanowski, Rod Woodson and Jerry Rice will help the Raiders beat the Bucs and help calm down the rest of the team and show them what to do to win this game.

4. You might get a glimpse of NSU all time leading rusher Tony Taylor. No not on the sideline but maybe in the crowd, somewhere. Taylor left NSU with one year left of eligibility and for what? To be All-Star practice squad player of the year.

5. The Advertisements. Look for the new "Hulk" and "Matrix" trailers, plus tons of stupid commercials.

My prediction for the Super Bowl will be the Raiders 31-20 over the Buccaneers in a close game.

Enjoy Super Bowl XXXVII.

By Cheryl Thompson
Seth Ortego, Brad Tatum and Julie Lessiter do class work in the the Johnnie Emmons Academic Center

Smart Athletes?

Report Card A+

NSU Demon athletes break the dumb jock/jockette stereotypes

By Joshua Barrois
Sauce Reporter

"It is an unfortunate, common perception," NSU's Director of Sports Information Doug Ireland said of the misperception of collegiate athletes' academic skills.

In past years, student athletes have been under the stigma of being no more than mediocre physical education majors, but many of NSU's student-athletes have proven it to be wrong, 133 student athletes to be exact.

Last semester a record 133 NSU student-athletes finished off the fall semester of 2002 on the honor roll, and not all of them were physical education majors.

Majors such as education, social work and pre-dentistry were among those represented in the record as well as in the 21 student athletes who achieved a perfect 4.0 average last semester.

Even physical education was in with the rest of the majors, but Ireland and senior social science education major and Demon deep snapper Seth Ortego agree that it is not as easy as everyone thinks.

Ortego said that though most visualize the type of coach who tells students to play basketball and nothing else, they neglect to remember the amount of science and education classes required.

"Physical education is no longer a cruise control major," Ireland said. "Those days are over."

With such a variety of majors it may seem impossible to keep up a high grade point average while balancing the load of classes, work, practices and games, but somehow they seem to do it.

Ortego said by making priorities anyone can achieve the high grades they want.

"There is no reason anyone shouldn't be able to do it if they prioritize," Ortego said. "It's been school then ball then everything else since I started college."

Ireland points out that because of their situation, many of the student athletes develop relationships with their professors.

"It shows their level of responsibility as well as communication and time management skills," Ireland said. "It's inspiring to see athletes on road trips reading and outlining school books."

Aside from student-teacher relationships, there are other opportunities for student athletes to keep up their grades while in or out of season. The athletics department offers athletes opportunities to study and get help with class work with the Johnnie Emmons Academic Center.

Athletic Director Greg Burke praised Student Athlete Academic Coordinator Julie Lessiter and her staff for helping to provide the right type of environment for the athletes to study. Lessiter, however, pushes the credit elsewhere.

"We have a great group of coaches here," Lessiter said. "They recruit players who not only play well, but are also intelligent."

Ireland hopes that NSU's student athletes will cause a ripple effect, influencing other students to take advantage of opportunities to improve their academics. Lessiter agrees believing that students should take advantage of everything NSU has to offer.

"We're extremely proud of the academic performance of our student athletes as a group," Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

To those student athletes such as Amanda Bennett, Ben Beach and Jamie Frazier Ireland said, "you have got to tip your hat to them."

Lady Demons bring fierce court 'intensity'

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

"Where is the intensity?" screamed Nicholls State Lady Colonels coach at her girls trailing the Northwestern State Lady Demons.

Girls responded, just not the Lady Colonels. The Lady Demons did respond by intensifying their defensive efforts and perimeter shooting, which helped them pull away and win the game 81-55.

"We picked it up against Nicholls and when we pick it up on defense it helps are offense stay consistent," Lady Demon Assistant Coach Jennifer Graf said.

The Lady Demons (8-5 overall, 5-1 SLC) won their fourth straight game and have won seven of their last eight contests.

At the helm of the Lady Demon offense is junior point guard La'Terrica Dobin who dished out 16 assists in the win to raise her nations best average to 12 per game and now has 156 total assist.

"She is definitely a leader and she controls the tempo on both sides of the ball," Graf said. "When her teammates see her hustle they contribute more to the game."

NSU led at half by only 10 when they blew it wide open in the second half. The Lady Demons hit 6 of 11 3-pointers and hit 55 percent from the floor in the second half that helped the reserves play big minutes in the game. Overall NSU shot 49 percent from the floor.

Angela Davidson and Diamond Cosby each scored 17 points to lead the Lady Demons followed by sophomore guard Amanda Bennett with 14 points matching a career high.

In Thursday's game at Prather Coliseum, the Lady Demons shrugged off a slow start to post an easy 65-44 win over Southeastern Louisiana in Southland Conference action.

NSU took command of the game with a 17-2 run as Cosby scored 10 straight points in four minutes to lead the Lady Demons in scoring. Cosby finished with 20 points.

"Diamond got on a tear and at the same time we hunkered down and played some pretty good defense," Lady Demon Head Coach James Smith said.

Dobin had another huge night distributing the ball with 15 assists and led NSU with seven rebounds. Davidson scored 12 points followed by Bennett's 10 points off the bench.

Overall NSU shot 47 percent from the floor including 6 of 11 on 3-pointers while Southeastern connected on just 26 percent of its shots.

The Lady Demons hit the road this week playing SLC foe Lamar State University on Thursday and Sam Houston University on Saturday.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Diamond Cosby was named the SLC Player of the Week for her work in last week's games against Southeastern and Nicholls State.

Demon basketball hits a two-game streak

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons (3-10 overall, 3-3 SLC) have pulled together to go on a two-game win streak against the Southeastern Louisiana Lions and the Nicholls State Colonels, two of the better teams in the Southland Conference.

"It's nice to win at home," NSU Head Coach Mike McConathy said. "We were more consistent over a long period of time, we rebounded and also executed well."

Against the Lions (4-10 overall, 2-5 SLC) freshman Jermaine Wallace scored 17 points, including the go-ahead jump shot with 1:23 left Thursday night in a 65-59 victory.

"It's very important to fill a role on this team, scoring and playing great defense is my role right now," Wallace said. "Hopefully I can continue to do my job and help the team win."

NSU guard Tyronn Mitchell stole the ball from a SLU player at mid-court and drove in for a layup to add to the Demons' lead. Mitchell was NSU's only other double-digit scorer, with 12 points.

The Demons possess the nation's youngest college basketball team in Division I hoops.

"We've made a lot of progress in the last week..."

-Mike McConathy
Demon head coach

Northwestern is in the middle of the pack in the SLC after taking down the Colonels, 70-61 in front of a packed coliseum of 1,823.

The Demons made a 9-0 run over a three-minute span to take charge, 53-41, with over six minutes remaining.

In a game consisting of nine ties and nine lead changes the Demons managed to hold on to a comfortable cushion.

Byron Allen scored 14 points and 7 rebounds, Jermaine Spencer added 12 points and a game-high 9 rebounds and Wallace chipped in 11 points.

"We're just six games into a 20-game conference schedule, but we're back at .500 and right in the middle of the standings," McConathy said. "The freshmen are coming along as for as learning the different roles in order to win and close out games."

"Some guys are stepping up," McConathy said. "One day it may be one guy and the next day another guy but as long as they are stepping up we will be fine. It's still too early to tell if they are all learning the roles of each position but it's coming."

Putting the first win steak together of the year for the Demons, they are looking forward to the next two games on their plate.

"We've made a lot of progress in the last week and it makes you eager to go out and play again and again," McConathy said. "I'm proud of the guys for working hard and getting some positive results."

The Demons are on the road for the next two games traveling to Lamar and Sam Houston-two teams ahead of them in the 11-team SLC.

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Dodd admins revoke visitation

■ *Residential Assistants, Area Coordinators clamp down on students propping open doors; cause of door lock malfunctions still undetermined*

By Robyn Selders
Sauce Reporter

Dodd Hall administrators are resorting to revoking visitation privileges in an attempt to curb illegal entry into the women's dormitory.

"This week and last week, every night, we found a trashcan or something in the door and Jessica, assistant area coordinator South, heard people going through it," Dodd Hall RA Tameria Hudson said. "So this week the AACs and RAs on the south side decided to take visitation away until we decide if they've (residents) learned their lesson.

"Every day we find it open, that's one more week of no visitation."

Because of malfunctioning security doors in some residence halls, the recent string of burglaries on campus and the violent attack in Natchitoches, the University and its employees are taking a more active role in securing their safety.

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> —**Tameria Hudson**
> Dodd Hall RA

Woody Blair, director of housing, said the problem with the malfunctioning doors was originally thought to be a problem with the server, but the server has been replaced and the doors still are not working correctly. Blair has a team working to see if the problem rests in the wiring, programming or circuit boards.

When the problem is corrected, the ID cards will allow only students who reside in that dorm to enter.

However, Hudson said students also create their own hazards.

"The back doors aren't supposed to be opened by anyone before 6 a.m. and after 6 p.m. You can be fined $50 for the first offense, $100 for the second offense and $500 for the third offense, if caught," Hudson said.

Dodd Hall desk worker Essence Douglas said, "I've seen people come in through the doors at night. One time this girl let someone in."

Even if students are not caught, there are consequences.

"I've been working here since 1999 and the alarms have

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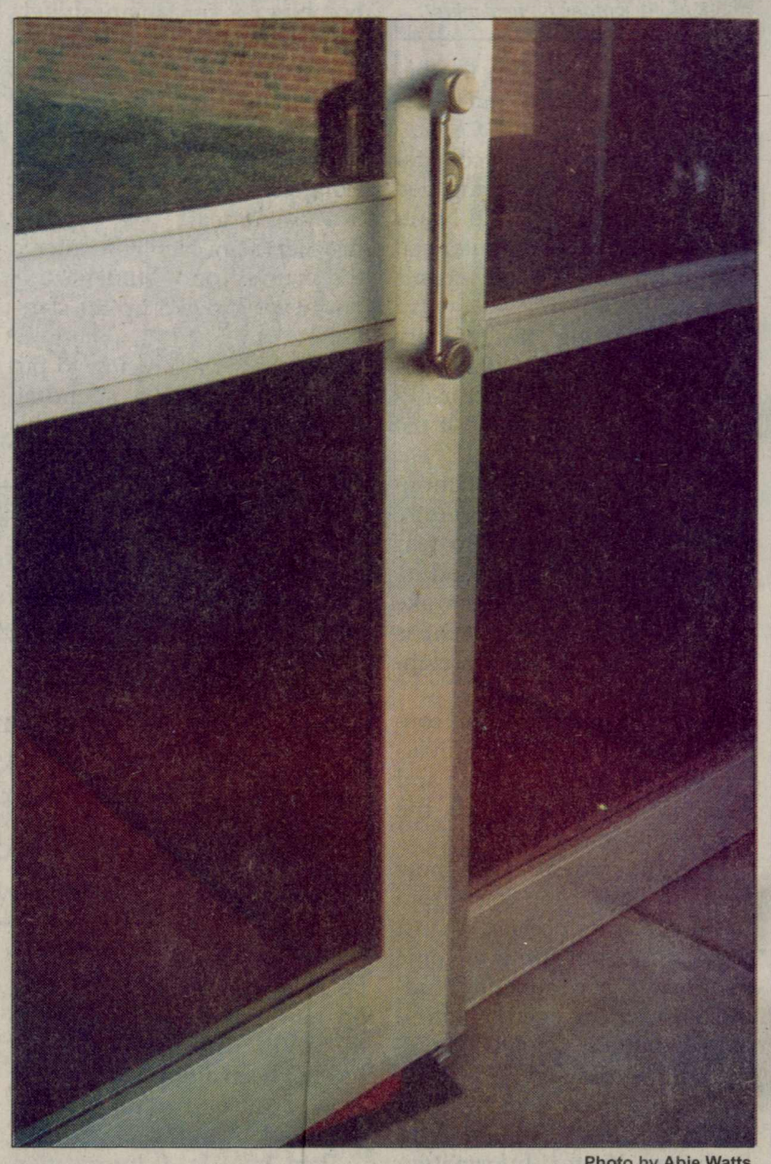

Photo by Abie Watts
As students prop doors open on campus, a rash of local crime has increased security fears on campus. Dodd Hall RAs are coming down on the practice of keeping doors open after hours.

Morrison, FACS fixes on schedule

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter
with Elaine Broussard

While the remodeling of Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Science Building is proceeding ahead of schedule, renovations to the roof of the Student Union have been slowed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The $5 million renovations to Morrison, home of the Louisiana Scholars' College, and the Consumer Science building are on schedule to be completed by this fall. The estimated month of completion is July 2003, one year after construction began.

"Both buildings are older buildings, and because of the age and makeup they were very outdated," Sampite said. "It was time for them to be renovated."

Physical Plant director Chris Sampite said Morrison Hall is "70 to 75 percent" complete.

"The contractors are installing desks, painting, and beginning to come to a closure on the internal part of the facility," Sampite said. "The

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Two more weeks

Administrators are making plans to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the years-overdue Fitness and Wellness Center. In the meantime, students have dealt with fees, a temporary weight room in Rapides Hall's basement and a string of delays.

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

The usefulness of the temporary intramural weight room, which lies beneath four floors of Rapides Hall's dorm rooms, is nearing its end.

In about 16 months the newly renovated wellness center should be open for business, and it will start with a groundbreaking ceremony within the next two weeks.

Within the next two weeks, a groundbreaking ceremony should take place and progress will then begin on the renovation of the IM building.

Past SGA presidents, University President Randall Webb, Recreational Sports Director Mark Deshotel, Student Activities and Organizations Director Carl Henry and others involved with the project will attend the ceremony.

Student Activities and Organizations Assistant Director Luke Dowden said that when the project was initiated in the late '90s, when Dowden was SGA president, the SGA surveyed the students on campus to determine what students wanted. The surveyed indicated that the students wanted a new wellness center.

In the spring of 1999 a student-approved collection was started to fund the renovations. Since then, $75 each semester has been assessed to fees for full time NSU students. Including summers, that is 15 semesters in which fees were assessed from approximately 5,000 students. More than $5.6 million has been collected and placed in a fund to collect interest.

The renovations' cost is estimated at $7 million, an amount that Henry and Deshotel said would be adequately covered by the fund.

Deshotel said features of the new wellness center would include a steam room, a dry sauna, a cardiovascular theater with 18 stations and six televisions, a racquetball court, and up-to-date weight room and a separate free weight area.

"I think it's going to be a huge recruiting aid and an great retention aid," Deshotel said.

He said there would be one central entrance with a card system to ensure safety of the students.

"The only people that will be in the building are the people that belong in the building," Deshotel said.

Deshotel and Dowden said a priority in planning the project was to stay true to what students said they wanted in a new wellness center. Now that the construction is on the brink of commencement, Deshotel is satisfied with the course of the project.

Deshotel is resigning as recreational sports director and moving to Monroe to start a new job in the pharmaceutical industry and said seeing the groundbreaking ceremony before he leaves will be rewarding.

"It's fulfilling knowing that it's there and ready to be done and done right—knowing that we stayed true to what the students wanted in the original surveys," Deshotel said.

For now, the weight room is located in the basement of Rapides residence hall.

The in-between time has been frustrating to Deshotel. He said moving the weight room to the basement of Rapides changed the ratio of men to women who worked out.

"We were at an all-time high of female participation," Deshotel said.

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> —**Luke Dowden**
> Student activities asst. director

> *"I've been paying for the new IM since I've gotten here and I get this. A basement."*
>
> —**John Wesley Smith**
> Senior biology major

Now the majority of women who go into the weight room are desk workers who check for student ID cards.

Shelly Smith, a junior political science major, works at the weight room and said the location was a deterrent for some women.

"It's so out of the way of everything," Smith said. "Plus it's kind of scary."

Smith said she wished there was a women-only facility.

"It's intimidating in front of a lot of the guys," she said.

Another employee at the weight room, junior psychology major Scott Ward, thinks the noise and lack of treadmills keeps women from working out there.

"I also think they don't get a lot of privacy or space in here," Ward said.

Chris Dudley, a freshman computer information system major, is generally satisfied with the weight room.

"Honestly, I think this one does the trick for me," Dudley said, "I think the equipment is sufficient to do what I'm trying to do."

Students who remember the old IM are not as pleased with the temporary weight room.

"I've been paying for the new IM since I've gotten here," John Wesley Smith, a senior biology major, said, "And I get this. A basement."

Dee Ross, a freshman computer information systems major, said she would love to go work out with friends, but she doubted her friends would want to go. She disagreed with paying for a wellness center and not being able to use it.

"I feel like people should be reimbursed for the semesters they paid and didn't have an IM building," Ross said.

Students will have the option of membership after they graduate for each semester they paid the fee

Dowden said that students are leaving something for the betterment of the University. He compared the fee to government taxes that fund programs not everyone will participate in.

"We pay taxes all the time. I've never used food stamps, but I've paid for them," Dowden said.

Dowden said students are paying for the new wellness center today in the same manner that students of the past paid for the recreational center golf course, tennis courts and swimming pool as well as the Student Union.

NSU to pick one-card company

By Tasha Braggs
Sauce Reporter

NSU, with the help of the SGA, is progressing to a new one-card system.

The one-card allows students to use their ID for meal plans, dorm security, and other areas around campus. Diebold is the current company used for card access. The card system is looking to upgrade from the older system to the new Gold System.

"The One-card committee is created by (Universtiy President) Dr. (Randall) Webb to pick the appropriate company," Stacie Cosby, SGA president said. "Once approved by ITAC (Information Technology Advisory Committee), the head of the advisory, Dr. Anthony Cheffler of graduate studies, takes the recommendation to Dr. Webb to determine whether the school has enough funding."

With the upgrade to Diebold, students will be able to use their ID for buying

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CORRECTIONS

Last week the *Current Sauce* reported in the police blotter that $12,000 worth of equipment was stolen from KNWD. This was an incorrect figure. The actual amount exceeded $1,200.

Also, on the front page of the Jan. 16 issue of the *Sauce* the photo of the construction at Morrison Hall was attributed to Cheryl Thompson. However, Candice Pauley was the photographer who took the photo.

NSU22 weekend forecast

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Security hiked after rise in crime

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never been set (on the back doors of Dodd). If they are turned on, that will cut back on unauthorized visitation," Douglas said.

"We're doing this for students' safety," Hudson said.

Signs can be found around the dorm encouraging residents to take safety precautions. RAs were ordered to put up the signs by Dodd AAC Candace Hudson.

"A young lady was attacked by a young man in Natchitoches and the young man still hasn't been apprehended," Hudson said.

Residents are propping the doors open for two reasons.

Tameria Hudson said, "I feel that they're trying to have either before hour or after hour visitation and they're sneaking boys in."

Hudson also said another reason is that they are taking the shorter route to enter.

Blair said that although it is the job of desk workers and RAs to enforce the door-propping rules, residents can also take an active role in ensuring their safety in the dorms and on campus. He gave six tips:

- Report disturbing behavior to campus police or housing staff.
- Don't prop doors open.
- Take identification cards with you each time you leave the dorm.
- Use the campus police escort service.
- Walk in well-lit areas.
- Have good safety consciousness.

Some students are taking safety into their own hands.

Amy Hicks, who lives in Varnado Hall, said, "I make sure my roommate and I lock our door at all times. We don't walk around by ourselves anywhere, especially at night when it's dark."

Dodd Hall resident Meatrice Rabb said, "I should be more alert about the faces I see in the dorms."

Blair said dorm safety is not a problem that a few people should be concerned with, but one that needs to be addressed by everyone.

"Be good, responsible members of the community," Blair said. "We're as safe as the weakest link in our community."

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New system feeds INS data about foreign students

By Katie Byard
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AKRON, Ohio—Big Brother is paying closer attention to foreign students.

Thousands of U.S. colleges and universities are being tied into an Immigration and Naturalization Service computerized system tracking the movements of noncitizens.

That's raising the anxiety level of students like Hari Parthasarathi, a 22-year-old native of India studying at the University of Akron.

In the United States to continue his education, Parthasarathi says he has no reason to fear immigration authorities and he understands why, in the wake of Sept. 11, the government is keeping closer tabs on foreigners.

Yet he expresses some concern when he hears that universities are feeding academic and personal information to the huge INS database.

Foreign students "are new here," he says. "You come from India—crossing oceans. We just don't want something to come in our way" of completing studies. Students are "getting intimidated without actually knowing what's going on."

The computerized tracking system—called Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, or SEVIS—is aimed at ensuring that the more than half-million foreign students in the United States take the courses they were approved to take and attend the schools they told the government they would attend.

In the past, colleges and universities used a paper-based system and kept the information in files. The INS only had access to the data when it asked.

The new system grew out of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing; a Jordanian student was charged in the attacks. By 1996, the INS was planning a centralized system to track international students.

The Sept. 11 attacks prompted Congress to step up creation of SEVIS. At least one Sept. 11 hijacker, Hani Hanjour, entered the country on a student visa, but never showed up for classes.

So colleges are racing to put information online, spending money they can ill afford in this time of tight budgets.

David Ayers, director of the University of Akron's international programs office, says the university spent about $60,000 to move to the computerized system. This amount did not include labor costs.

> *"He has lived here for three years, and all of a sudden he's being suspected."*
>
> **—Yonathan Admassu**
> Univ. of Akron student about a friend being required to register with the INS

There are two deadlines.

By Thursday, campuses must be able to submit information on new international students to SEVIS. Those schools that haven't been approved to log in won't be able to enroll new foreign students.

Then, by Aug. 1, information on existing students must be in the system.

Ayers says students who stay in compliance with their immigration status—promptly reporting address and academic-program changes and maintaining a full course load—have nothing to fear.

As with the old paper system, students who fall out of compliance can face penalties, including deportation. But educators say now that the government is getting the information almost instantaneously, the stakes are especially high. They believe a backup plan is needed to deal with the possibility of a technical glitch or a data-entry error jeopardizing a foreign student's legal status.

"The important thing here is that we have the security that we need and we're able to maintain international student exchanges," says Ursula Oaks, spokeswoman for the Association of International Educators in Washington, D.C. "We need to find a balance."

Kelly Carmack, an immigration specialist with Kent State University's international student office, says students are worried about SEVIS.

"But I think it's going to make it easier for us to help them," she says.

Some educators are troubled that their relationships with international students could change as a result of SEVIS.

Yonathan Admassu, a 30-year-old from Ethiopia studying at UA, says he's not all that bothered by SEVIS.

He's more apprehensive about a relatively new federal policy that requires male visitors from certain countries to register at INS offices by specific dates. So far, Ethiopia is not on the list. But one of Admassu's friends—a student from Eritrea studying in Michigan—had to register.

"He has lived here for three years," Admassu said, "and all of a sudden he's being suspected."

Cold weather slows Union roof repairs

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Family and Consumer Science Building is slightly behind Morrison."

The remodeled facilities will feature new fiberglass insulation, recessed lighting, fiber optic wiring, and central air conditioning and heating.

Plans also include improving the buildings' access for the disabled. The buildings will now include elevators and handicapped-accessible bathrooms, and the ramp outside of Morrison is being moved closer to parking for the disabled.

The architect for the project is Wayne Coco, who enlisted the services of local contractor RDS to give the outdated buildings a facelift.

"The key to making this project go was Wayne Coco. He'd done an outstanding job in designing this project," John Winston, the vice president of university affairs, said.

NSU has employed Coco previously, hiring him to remodel the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

Throughout the renovations, the Scholars' College and the Family and Consumer Sciences department have been operating out of South Hall.

Photo by Candace Pauley
A construction worker walks past trash-laden equipment into Morrison Hall.

"We call South Hall our transition building," Sampite said. "When renovations of this type are taking place we have a place for the staff and a few classrooms."

Renovations to the Student Union's roof, however, have been delayed by cold weather, which prevents the tar from setting properly.

Sampite said the plant intends to perform some much-needed maintenance to areas inside of the Student Union, which are contingent upon the repair of the roof.

"We'll fix leaks in some offices in the third floor," Sampite said. "Once that is completed, we are set to correct some lower level problems in the Union, such as leaks in the Ballroom."

Winston said sidewalks damaged by construction machinery, as well as other cosmetic damage, would be corrected.

New card system to expand ID's uses

■ **Continued from page 1**

books, laundry, vending machines and other uses on campus. Students will also be allowed to add money on their card as if it were cash.

"The project is expected to cost under $100,000, so it will not have to go before the Board of Supervisors," Cosby said.

The new "Gold" card system is a program with a familiar system for technical support. The current program runs on the DOS system, or disk operating system, which is older and has less technical support.

"Providing convenience and safety is very important with the new system," Kristy Vienne, one-card coordinator, said.

This one-card system is in the beginning phase. The card access for vending and laundry machines is predicted to be installed as soon as this summer.

"Once the first phase of vending is done then we can focus on the Gold upgrade," Vienne said.

The other phase of this project will allow professor's to keep with attendance.

"This will allow professor's to look at the attendance trends of each student and take more of a personal interest," Cosby said.

Future phases will consist of allowing students to use the card system off campus.

"Before the new card access can be used off campus, it must mature on campus," Vienne said. "We will be doing a lot of marketing and educating students on this system so everyone will understand," Vienne said.

Sandrika Narcisse, junior fashion merchandising major, said, "I think it will make everything easier and comfortable for students. We will just have to really see how this will help or hurt the campus."

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Attention all RSOs

RSO Certification packets are due today in Room 214 of the Student Union by 4:30 p.m. No exceptions. The documents are available at www.nsula.edu/student_activities/rso.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. The first meeting will be held at Russell Hall in Room 213 at noon on Monday. Regular meetings will be held every Monday. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Interfraternity Council

Concentrated Open Recruitment will be from Jan. 27–31. For more information, call 357-6511.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday from 3-4 in Kyser Hall Room 341. All new members need to purchase a T-shirt. Also, all members need to pick up raffle tickets. For more information, see Dr. Pratt in office 314K (357-5590) or your class representative.

Roller Hockey

NSU's intercollegiate roller hockey team beat the LeTourneau University Yellow Jackets of Arlington, Texas, 8-4 Saturday. This is the Demons' first year to participate in the Southwest Collegiate Hockey League. For more information, surf to www.webspawner.com/users/nsuihc/index.html or the league's website at www.schl.org.

Black History Month

There will be a Black History Month program Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the A. A. Fredericks auditorium.

Walt Disney World Alumni

The Walt Disney World Alumni Association will meet Tuesday in Varnado Hall's lobby at 7 p.m. Please contact your local Campus Rep at DisneyCampusRep@aol.com if you are unable to attend.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled by Glenn Ward

Jan. 22

■ 6:06 p.m. Jason Thomas, RA at Rapides, called to request a unit at Rapides concerning someone shooting a B.B. gun at students. A unit arrived at 6:07 p.m. Detective Prescott said two students walking between Iberville and Rapides were shot with a B.B. gun. Later in the week, Prescott said a B.B. gun had been found, but was not positively identified as the one used in the shootings.

Jan. 24

■ 2:07 a.m. Natchitoches Police Department was advised of a possible fight at the Kappa Sigma House. Units arrived at 2:11 a.m. At 2:19 a.m. they returned with a male to the station for questioning. He was released and advised to leave campus for the night.

■ 4:02 a.m. University Police connected a 911 call reporting a simple battery at the University Columns. Two units responded at 4:04 a.m., but were unable to locate the suspect. The caller refused medical attention, and said that she was okay.

■ 11:48 a.m. Student came in to report her purse was stolen. At 5:01 p.m. Jan. 25, the same student came back to say she found the misplaced purse.

■ 3:06 p.m. Student came in to report a hit and run at the University Columns. Police took a report.

Jan. 25

■ 5:52 p.m. A complaint was registered from a student who had slashed tires at Sabine. Unit responded at 5:56 p.m. and left by 6:00 p.m. The incident had happened off campus, and complainant was advised to contact the Natchitoches Police Dept.

Jan. 26

■ 7:37 p.m. A hit and run was reported at Russell Hall. A unit responded at 7:41 p.m., and the subject told the officer that he "does not see any damage, and does not want to take a report." The officer left at 7:50 p.m.

■ 7:51 p.m. A blue Alero parked near Bossier Hall was broken into and the stereo stolen. A unit responded, filed a report, and left by 8:04 p.m.

Jan. 27

■ 8:30 p.m. A desk worker at Sabine called to report a fight, but by the time officers responded the subjects had left.

■ 9:12 p.m. Bossier Hall had a fire drill.

Jan. 28

■ 5:05 p.m. A student called from Dodd stating her car was broken into. The car was in lot 19. A unit responded at 5:12 p.m. and filed a report.

■ 7:23 p.m. Student came into station to report a white male wearing a red baseball cap committed indecent behavior while standing next to her vehicle in lot 22—in the corner next to the physical plant. Two units searched the area, but were unable to find the suspect.

■ 7:37 p.m. A different person called to report the same incident and gave a similar description.

■ 7:42 p.m. A student reported another incident of indecent behavior near Dodd Hall facing St. Denis by a thin, white male wearing a dark-colored baseball cap. Three units responded at 7:44 p.m., but did not find the suspect. However, university police patrolled the area for the rest of the night.

■ 8:38 p.m. An RA at Rapides reported possible alcohol on a resident's person. A unit responded at 8:39 p.m. and took statements.

■ 9:26 p.m. An AAC at Rapides reported alcohol in a dorm room and requested an officer. A unit responded, and advised the staff that if alcohol is not consumed than it is a housing matter.

■ 9:48 p.m. Sabine front desk reported a possible fight in lobby between two females over vandalism. Two units arrived and the situation was resolved.

■ 10:43 p.m. requested officer at PE Majors building because a water fountain caught fire. Before the unit responded, a student had put it out with a fire extinguisher.

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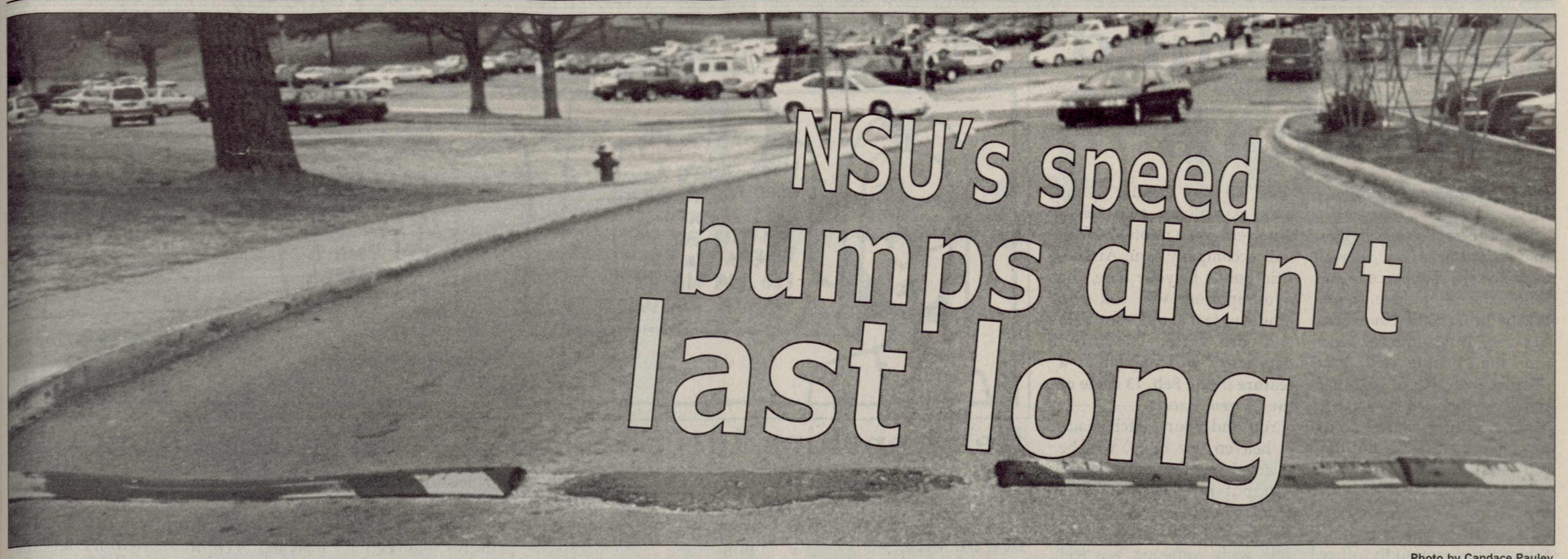

NSU's speed bumps didn't last long

Photo by Candace Pauley

A bump of pavement patches a hole where one of NSU's speed bumps once laid. Several of the three-year-old speedbumps were removed before the Christmas break. NSU plans to replace the removed speed bumps soon.

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Physical Plant is making efforts to replace and repair speed bumps on campus within the next month.

Plant Director Chris Sampite said the speed bumps behind the Sylvan Friedman Student Union faculty parking lot on Caspari Street were removed prior to the Christmas holiday.

Sampite said the speed bumps were impacted too harshly by vehicles and caused them to become unbolted.

When the speed bumps were installed in the fall of 1999, students told the *Sauce* that they were afraid the bumps would damage their vehicles.

In the end, however, the bumps couldn't take the traffic of NSU's students.

"We are going to go back and order replacements for the two that were missing and reinstall them for that location," Sampite said.

Sampite said the Physical Plant is considering a new anchoring system for the speed bumps to avoid any future problems. A temporary patch has been placed over the barren area until the speed bumps are replaced.

> *"I imagine most people are glad they are gone."*
>
> **—Ricky Williams**
> Campus Police Chief

Police Chief Ricky Williams said there were no reported complaints or accidents since the removal of the speed bumps.

"I imagine most people are glad they are gone," Williams said.

Sampite said the speed bumps are effective because they slow down traffic before the crosswalks.

Sean Beene, a junior computer information science major, said he did not have a problem with the speed bumps.

"I think we need them for the pedestrians that are walking," Beene said.

Sampite said the Physical Plant is also in the process of repainting the fading crosswalks on campus as well. Over spring break Sampite said the plant would attempt to place a tape-like material on the crosswalk areas that is similar to the material used on highways.

Photo by Candace Pauley

A sport-utility vehicle rolls over a dented speed bump on NSU's campus. Several bumps were removed.

National Pan-Hellenic Council holds recruitment mixer

By Robyn Selders
Sauce Reporter

Students had an opportunity to visit with and ask questions yesterday of Greek-lettered organizations they may be interested in joining.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) hosted an informative mixer in the ballroom of the Student Union.

"It's the governing body for traditionally black Greek organizations," Luke Dowden, Greek advisor at NSU, said. "On our campus, we're the planning body for mass community service and we promote scholarship and unity."

NPHC organizations do not recruit.

"It's more of a selective process and we want the individuals to decide for themselves which organization emits what they are looking for and shows the values and morals they believe in," NPHC Vice President Danielle Mitchell said. "Then the organization picks which members they think exemplify their values and purposes most."

NPHC President David Williams said, "The event primarily has been successful in the past; however, it has been more entertaining than informative."

"This year we incorporated some new ideas to make it both entertaining and informative," Williams said.

Mitchell said one of the new aspects incorporated to make it more informative was a panel discussion in which the audience was allowed to ask questions to representatives of the eight NSU NPHC organizations.

Audience member Rashad Bullock said the discussion panel was good but panel members should be more careful in the way they solicit audience participation.

"A spokesperson from the panel offended the crowd by confronting them in a harsh way to ask questions when questions weren't being asked," Bullock said.

Audience member Michelle Guidry said, "People aren't going to ask questions because they don't want to mislead members of organizations into believing that they want to join that organization."

In spite of the confusion with the panel portion of the event, students went away with more knowledge of NPHC organizations.

Audience member Joi Silvie said, "I learned a lot and I think I chose the sorority I want to join."

Minutes 1-27-03

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.
The prayer was led by Amanda Breaux.
The pledge was led by Sharmyn Little.

Present
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brosset
Andy Dye
Luke Hutchinson
Scott Manguno
Mindy McConnel
Adam Stoll
Alan Sypert
Staci Cosby
Jennifer Jenson

Absent
Timberly Deville
Chris Henry
Kelli Miller
Dustin Mathews

Executive Reports
Treasurer—Dustin Mathews
No report

Vice-President—Jennifer Jenson
Filings will be March 10th-14th. Elections will be April 2nd and 3rd. Run offs will be April 9th and 10th.
We are going to be voting for two more people to attend COSGA. Excuses for missing meetings need to be formal, and reasonable. Department Commissioners will meet at 1:00 on Thursdays. Breakfast with the President is near, if you are interested please see me.

President—Staci Cosby
COSGA is February 22nd-24th. Committee for the One Card system is viewing vendors. ITAC has already purchased machines. Dates for SAC initiative are coming up. There is an opening for Supreme Court. If you are interested see me. The Council of Student Body Presidents has a convention Feb. 7th-9th, hosted by LSU. Senators need to start working on legislation.

Department Reports
Academic Affairs—Mindy McConnell
Meetings will be Wednesdays at 1:00.
Scantron Giveaway will begin next Monday.

External Affairs
No report.

Fiscal Affairs—Dustin Mathews
No report.

Internal Affairs—Greg Comeaux
Meetings will be Monday at 3:00.

Student Affairs—Luke Hutchinson
Luke is resigning from this position, and from going to COSGA.

Graduate Advisor—Justin Owen
He will be attending COSGA.

Advisor Report-Mr. Henry
The IM Rec. sports Advisor is resigning. I am filling in until they get someone else. Mark did a wonderful job, we will be sending a card to him for all of his hard work.

Supreme Court
No report.

Unfinished Business
Luke Hutchinson moves to approve Bill FA02-018, Mindy McConnell seconds. Adam Stoll moves to amend the bill to say "...at the end..." Mindy McConnell seconds. The motion to amend the bill passes by role call vote 8-0-0. The amended passes by role call vote 8-0-0.

New Business
Mindy McConnell moves to approve Election dates. Adam Stoll seconds. Motion passes by General Consent. Items 4, 5 and 6 are tabled. Amanda Breaux is nominated for the External Affairs Chair person. She accepts, and is elected by acclimation.
Mindy McConnel moves to table Item 8, Amanda Breaux seconds the motion. Motion passes by role call vote 8-0-0.
Luke Hutchinson nominates Andy Dye for Commissioner of Student Affairs. Andy accepts and is elected by acclimation.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Current Sauce wants to set you up on a

BLIND DATE!

Let the *Sauce* staff play matchmaker with YOU, with the media tagging along—it's just like your own reality TV show, without TV.

If you win, we'll pay for you and a person of our choice to dine at Simpatico's Bar and Grill and spend a romantic night on the town of Natchitoches on Saturday, February 8. Just fill out and return this application to **Kyser Hall Room 225** by noon on Tuesday, February 3, and wait for us to call you a winner. Dating has never been easier!

Just tell us who you are...

First name and Last INITIAL only _____ Age ___
Gender _____ Race _____ Class/Major _____
Religion _____ Phone # _____ E-mail _____
Marital Status _____

Yes, no, no answer:
Smoke? _____ Drink? _____ Drugs? _____ Piercings? _____ Tattoos? _____
Have kids? _____ Want kids? _____

Tell us about yourself:
Body type: _____ Most important quality: _____
Hobbies: _____
_____
Group affiliations (greek, clubs, sports, vegetarian, etc.): _____
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What would your ideal date in Natchitoches be? _____
_____
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...and the kind of person you want to date.

Age Range _____ Gender _____ Race _____ Religion _____

Yes, no, or no answer:
Smoke? _____ Drink? _____ Drugs? _____ Piercings? _____ Tattoos? _____
Have kids? _____ Want kids? _____

Tell us about what you look for in a date:
Body type: _____ Most important quality: _____
Hobbies: _____
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Group affiliations (greek, clubs, sports, vegetarian, etc.): _____
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(use your own paper if necessary)

Only NSU students are eligible—no full-time faculty or staff. Members of the *Current Sauce* staff and their families are not eligible. Prize has no cash value. Winners will be expected to sign a release and waiver of liability form. Applications with pictures will be disqualified. What you want may not be what you get.

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Have a blind date on us

Dear *Current Sauce* patrons,

We at the *Sauce* understand that Valentine's Day, as well as the weeks that precede and follow the day of love, can be lonely. In fact, the *Sauce* staff has very little time for wooing the people we love because we spend so much time together (as a staff) in room 225 of Kyser Hall doing newspaper stuff. It's not that our staff doesn't love one another; it's just that we work together and dating someone you work with can make things tense around the office.

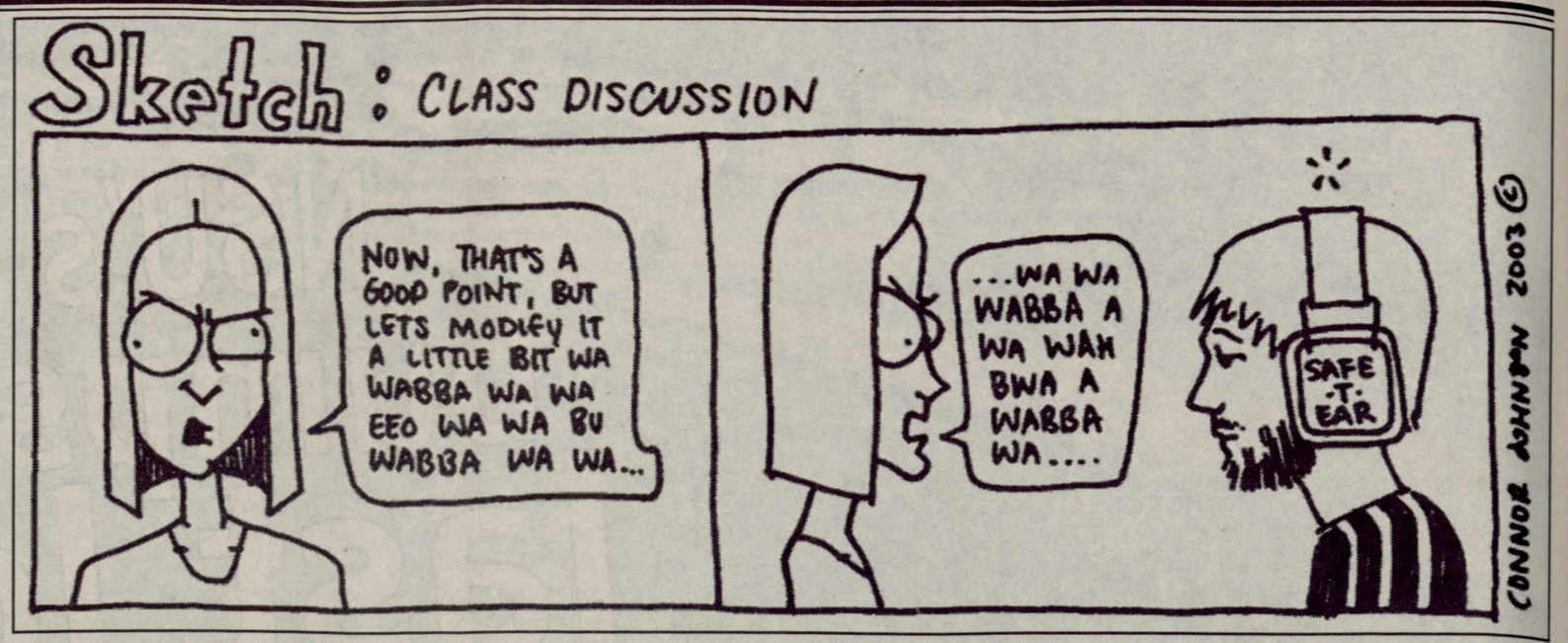
So, this Valentine's Day (actually Feb. 8) we want to send you and someone else on an all expense paid date in Natchitoches. All you have to do is fill out the blind date application form on the **bottom of page 3** in the news section and return it to **Room 225 of Kyser Hall no later than noon on Tuesday, Feb. 4.** The *Sauce* staff will **only pick two students** for the date-that's right we pick 'em.

Before you pass out due to excitement of going on the date, I must warn you, there is a catch. While you and your date are wining and dining in the "City of Lights," your own paparazzi, two *Sauce* reporters and a photographer, will accompany you. At specific points in your date, the two reporters will ask you how you feel about your date and visa versa. **The blind date story will appear as a feature in the Feb. 13 issue of the *Current Sauce*.**

You and your match made in heaven (we hope) will be selected by the information you put on the blind date application. The *Sauce* staff will try it's hardest to match you with someone we feel you are compatible with. We will announce the winners of the free blind date next Thursday.

I hope you will consider applying for the *Current Sauce* blind date adventure. It will be a humdinger of a date that will include a free meal and free entertainment for you and your date, who we will choose for you. What do you have to lose? A night on your couch eating Doritos and playing PS2?

The best of luck to you,
Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief



Relationships 101: Sex, drugs, rock and relation-

By Dr. Mark Goulston
Courtesy of KRT Campus

Dear Dr. Mark,

I would like to give my girlfriend a Valentine's Day present, but I am on a very, very tight budget and have literally no extra money to spend. I've heard that it's the thought that counts, but I'd like to let her know how special she is without spending money I don't have. Is there some way to do this, or should I just borrow some money from a friend and take her to dinner?

Be My Valentine for Free at
San Jose State College

Dear Be My,

Hmm, what a challenge. I've also heard it's the thought that counts, but I still always hedge my bets by buying my wife something.

In my book, "The 6 Secrets of a Lasting Relationship," I mention how a woman likes to feel cherished and appreciated (as opposed to put down and taken for granted). One way to show appreciation is to give her a "Power Thank You" for Valentine's Day.

This thank you has three parts: Part one is thanking her for something she has done; part two is acknowledging the effort it took for her to do it, and part three is telling her what it personally means to you.

I don't know the exact details of your relationship, but it sounds like one of the special things about your girlfriend is that she loves you for who you are instead of what you can buy her.

Try writing her a note such as this: "For Valentine's Day I wanted to let you know how and why you mean so much to me. First, you're in my life as my girlfriend, you've let me be in your life as your boyfriend, and you're proud to tell others that I'm your guy. Second, you're beautiful, smart, have a great personality and could have your pick from the guys at our school, including the ones with more money than me, but instead you've chosen me as your boyfriend. That means that you're willing to take a chance on me because you feel I'm worth it. Finally, the belief and confidence you have in me help me feel like a winner. More importantly you help me to avoid giving up during those times when I feel down and discouraged. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day."

I think she might feel touched receiving a note like this. By the way, don't feel you have to write it, if it's not truly how you feel, but I'm willing to bet it is.

(Dr. Mark Goulston is the author of "Get Out of Your Own Way: Overcoming Self-Defeating Behavior" published by Perigee Books. Send your questions to Dr. Mark at mgoulsto@ucla.edu or visit him at www.couplescompany.com.)

Bush delivers suprise with State of the Union

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Columnist

Tuesday night President Bush shifted the focus of Republicans from the middle and upper classes to the under privileged of both the United States and other countries.

Boudreaux

During the State of the Union address, Bush pushed his tax reforms saying the average savings will be $1,000. Democrats blasted Bush in their response saying that only the upper echelon would benefit.

Democrats have strongly condemned Bush's proposal to remove taxes from stock dividends. Bush pushed the removal of the "unfair double taxation of dividends." I think this is the most exciting part of the entire Bush tax package.

Obviously the nation's 10 million seniors who collect dividends would benefit from the repeal, but the country as a whole would be better off. Think about it, there would be more money in the hands of grandparents, and what do grandparents do when you visit them? Exactly! They slip you $10 as you leave.

More importantly, it would change the way average Americans view investing. If you want a million dollars don't play the lottery; play the market. When more people realize they can make "free" money just by holding stocks in solid dividend paying companies, they will find those opportunities.

Lifting the tax would also cause more companies to pay out dividends in order to attract new investors. If a company pays out cash dividends, then it will be unable to cook the books. You can't pay out what you don't have. So the companies would be forced to be more precise and truthful with their accounting methods.

I expected to hear these tax proposals and the tough-talk aimed at the Axis of Evil, but I was very surprised to hear Bush's "compassionate conservatism" come into play.

When Bush said that we must "promote energy efficiency and conservation," I knew that he was going to make a case to drill oil in the Alaskan refugee, a plan I agree with. Instead Bush dropped a bombshell on the country when he proposed $1.2 billion for research in hydrogen-powered cars.

I sat dumbfounded. Had I just heard what I thought I heard? Sure enough, Bush thinks that a child born today could be learning to drive on hydrogen powered cars. But wasn't Bush supposed to be in the back pockets of the big oil companies, I mean didn't all their money put him there?

That's what Democrats were saying before Tuesday night; Bush just stole their thunder. Now the Republicans, too, care about the environment. It even appears that Bush agrees with his former adversary that the greatest threat to the environment is the internal combustion engine.

Bush didn't stop there, he rolled out a $ 600 million program to help an additional 300,000 drug addicts get help. The Republicans are the "Just Say No!" party; they don't care about people once they try drugs or get hooked.

If I was still not convinced that this was a new Republican party, then the next part blew me away. Everyone has known that AIDS/HIV has been a problem in Africa, with almost 30 million people infected. Bands like U2 have been singing benefit concerts since the early 80's. Later this year Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, U2 and Bob Dylan amongst others will perform another AIDS benefit concert in South Africa.

Bush doesn't even play the saxophone, and yet he wants to help the most afflicted nations of Africa and the Caribbean. Bush wants to send $15 billion, with almost $10 billion in new funds to combat AIDS. His program will prevent 7 million new AIDS infections and treat another 2 million infected people. I recognize that this is a good thing, and I value human life but I have to ask. Why does the President choose to give billions of dollars to other countries when there are millions of people who can't even find a job in America?

I have friends that can't find jobs, but I don't know any Africans dying from AIDS. It's a tough call, there is only so much money to go around and Bush has decided that our country can afford to help millions of foreigners while millions of its own citizens hunt for employment.

Its clear that Saddam must go because he could disrupt the global oil supply and hurt our economy even further, but what does the U.S. stand to physically gain by helping Africa?

Almost 10 years ago we tried to assist people starving in Africa. The result was19 Americans killed and several of the dead bodies dragged through the street by angry mobs on CNN. If the U.S. does try to intervene in Africa, American troops would most likely be used, at least as a security force for the missionaries.

I was debating why the U.S. would want to have a healthy and AIDS contained Africa. Someone brought up the idea that a few scientists think that the AIDS virus could go airborne in the next 10 years, and then become a serious threat to the United States. The retrovirus has millions of hosts in Africa alone and might be able to mutate into an airborne disease. Like the Bucs showed us Sunday, the name of the game is defense, and curbing AIDS in Africa might be the best defense we have.

So in one hour President Bush changed the way Republicans see themselves and how the country sees them. Republicans are still against initial drug use, but are offering a shoulder to cry on when an addict wants out. Republicans are still going to keep oil prices low for their constituents and donors, but are extending a hand to environmentalists. And in world politics the U.S. is the compassionate policemen, willing to use force to end dictatorial regimes while simultaneously caring for the sick and the young. And that's the State of the Union.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State treasurer calls for amendment to limit Rainy Day Fund

An Attorney General's opinion says it is fine for the state to use money from the Rainy Day Trust Fund two years in a row and even twice in one year. Whether it's legal or not, the state should not tap the Fund again this year or next, because the people of Louisiana voted for it for emergencies only. If the state declares an emergency too often, something is fundamentally wrong with its budgeting process.

Tapping into the Fund too often could hurt Louisiana's bond rating, causing taxpayers to have to shell out more money for state projects. Although the state has worked hard to improve its bond rating, Louisiana is still last in the country. Lowering the state's bond rating by just one notch could cost taxpayers roughly $7.5 million in interest payments on a $200 million bond issue.

To better understand this, take an individual's credit rating, for example. When a person has bad credit, he or she has a harder time borrowing money, has higher interest rates on credit cards and loans, and ultimately pays more money for a longer period of time on debt. It is the same with the state's bond rating. When the state's bond rating is poor, it ultimately costs taxpayers more money to pay for necessary projects like new schools, roads and other improvements.

Do taxpayers really want Louisiana's bond rating to take a step backward just so the state can put a Band-Aid on its budget problems? We can't afford to drive up the cost of borrowing money because it's convenient. Just because it's legal doesn't mean it's right.

The Rainy Day Fund was created with the understanding that it would be tapped no more often than every other year, and then only for emergencies-period. I encourage the Legislature to pass a constitutional amendment that would limit access to the Fund to reflect that.

John Kennedy
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1, 2, 3, 4, I declare a Paint War

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

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Left: Mia Herbert has a tennis racket splattering a paint balloon. Marc Johnson sports a Jason mask at the paint wars.

Far left: Matt Tucker tries to cover Brynne Herbert with paint while Josh Couvillion laughs in the background.

Below and left: Laura Terrell smiles, although her face is covered with paint.

Photo by Amanda Breaux

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board held the first ever Paint Wars Monday afternoon.

With stacks of hay providing an obstacle course and the SAB providing the goggles and paint-filled balloons, students enjoyed a chance to have some fun with friends before the demands of the semester began.

"It's a time for you to come out here and have some fun, throw some paint at some friends, and relax," Michael Johnson, SAB parliamentarian said.

This event was put on by the SAB's 10 Representatives-at-Large.

"This event is primarily for the Representatives-at-Large and I oversee them," he said. "So, this is their event and I'm here to make sure everything goes ok."

Paint Wars was originally scheduled for the fall semester, but was postponed until the spring.

"We (Representatives-at-Large) are supposed to be putting on one event per semester...and this is the event we were supposed to have last semester, but we had to push it back," Amy Bobo, SAB Representative-at-Large said.

The idea for Paint Wars came from the movie "10 Things I Hate About You".

The field at the corner of Tarlton Drive and Jefferson Street was set up in an imitation of the movie scene complete with stacks of hay and speakers blasting music. Participants were given balloons filled with paint and/or water guns filled with paint. After that, anything moving on the field was fair game.

Although goggles were handed out to protect the participants eyes, all other areas of the body were open for painting. Some participants even found paint on their tongues.

Paint Wars was scheduled to last from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and although there weren't many people that showed up, those that did seemed to be having a blast.

"It's great, I love it," Lauren Atterberry, SAB Representative-at-Large said. "I can't believe there's not more people out here yet."

While some students may have been put off by the weather and the time factor, others, like junior physical education major Micheal Tucker, were enticed by the uniqueness of the event.

"It's a lot of fun, and very interesting," Tucker said. "You don't see too many people having events like this and it brings a uniqueness to the campus."

The aspect of uniqueness was one of the goals of the SAB. This event was designed to appeal to students who do not normally attend SAB functions.

"Our goal is to think outside the box for SAB functions this year and that's what this event is all about," Johnson said. "We tried to reach a different part of the crowd that we hadn't reached before. That's what our goal is."

Study examines putting end to periods

By Gina Kim
Courtesy of KRT Campus

More than 40 years after the birth-control pill transformed the lives of women by giving them power over when and whether to have children, some doctors say women can take the revolution a step further: They can use the pill to rid themselves of the hassles of monthly menstruation.

While the practice is often one of convenience or used to address problems related to menstruation, experts are studying whether it is medically risky _ or beneficial _ for women to have fewer periods.

A University of Washington professor will publish a study in March on women who used the pill to skip their periods for a year. And by this fall, pending Food and Drug Administration approval, women will be able to slash the menstrual experience from 13 times a year to four with currently available pills packaged to allow three months between periods.

"Birth control led to a fundamental social, cultural and psychological change," said Susan Jeffords, a professor of women's studies at the University of Washington. "This is an amendment to that."

Women for years have used the pill to manipulate the timing of menstruation. They skip the placebos in their packs of birth-control pills and start new, "active" packs to keep their periods from coinciding with weddings and special events.

Doctors also have been prescribing continuous use of birth-control pills for women who have difficult and sometimes painful periods, or who suffer from conditions such as menstrual migraines or endometriosis, which is the growth of uterine tissue outside the uterus.

But some women are tossing their tampons and pads simply to make their lives easier.

"It's not something totally magical," said Dr. Leslie Miller, the UW obstetrics and gynecology assistant professor who is heading the project here. "It's just logical that you don't have to have bleeding during the period week."

Diane Royal, 49, of Seattle, has been skipping her periods for almost six years.

"I don't have mood swings. I don't have the mess. I don't have cramps," she said. "It's just more convenient in my life not to have a period."

When she reached her 40s, Royal began having painful periods that were so heavy she was hesitant to leave home. She heard about skipping periods from a friend and talked to her doctor.

"At first he was really skeptical," she recalled. "Then he started doing some research ... and said, 'Let's go ahead and try this. "

'The Rain Are Fallin:'

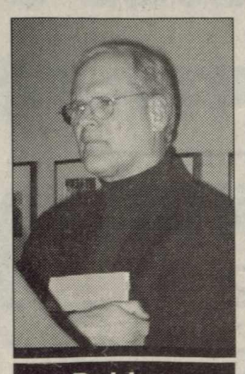
A presentation by Dean Dablow

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Dean Dablow, the chairman of fine arts at Louisiana Tech University, presented a slide show talk about his display and book at NSU entitled "The Rain Are Fallin: A Search for People and Places Photographed by the Farm Security Administration in Louisiana: 1934" on Jan. 27 in Magale Recital Hall.

The Farm Security Administration originally took the photos during the Great Depression. The name of the show "The Rain Are Fallin" describes how the Great Depression affected the lives of people in Louisiana.

Dablow began compiling the photos from the Library of Congress for research in the fall of 1990.



Dablow

Dablow began traveling to such areas of Louisiana as Crowley, New Orleans and Pilot Town.

"I am not a historian. I am a photographer," Dablow said. "I just wanted to give something back to Louisiana.

Dablow selected NSU to display the photos because of the bicentennial celebration.

Though none of the photos depicts the bicentennial, the photos represent the historical value of Louisiana.

"NSU was lucky and privileged to be able to be able to exhibit this artistic and historical collection," Michael Yankowski, professor of art, said. "Professor Dablow's lecture on his work and the collection was well received and very informative."

Dablow's book is at the NSU bookstore. He will continue with the display with half at the Peach Festival and the other half at the Library at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

"This show was incredible and really reaches the emotions of Louisiana," Julie Andrews, senior graphic design and photography student, said.

KNWD Spring 2003 D.J. Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 a.m.	Lauryn Prescott	Anthony McKaskle	Mike Wagley	M' Lyn Usie	Lauryn Prescott
9 a.m.	Geoffrey Taylor Sean Simmons	Kimberly Brammer	Sean Simmons	Bret Vidrine	Geoffrey Taylor Adam Beard Elliot Westphal
11 a.m.	Patrick Feller	Grant Shelton	Kevin Clark	Sarah McPherson	Trey Marshall
1 p.m.	Chris Rodrigues	Rachel Ray Kat Burke	Lanesia Daigs	Rachel Ray Kat Burke	La' Sheka Jacobs
3 p.m.	Kim Jacques	Robert Lockwood	B-Rad	Ronnie Lewis Shawna	B-Rad
5 p.m.	Nick John	Kyle Shirley Leslie Westbrook	Nathan Lilly	Toi Rogers A. Roberson	Adam Carter
7 p.m.	Darren Lewis	Travis Williams	Darren Lewis	Randall Stracener	Terrance McKinney
10 p.m	Al Jones	Al Jones	Al Jones	Connor Johnson	Delvin Sims

Time	Saturday
9 a.m.	Gena Olson
12 p.m.	Alicia Thomas
3 p.m.	Dorothea Wilson
6 p.m.	Tim Holden
9 p.m.	Eric Youngblood
	Sunday
9 a.m.	Amy Carlson
12 p.m.	Andrew Gray
3 p.m.	Ronnie Lewis Shawna
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9 p.m.	Brad Hober

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Valentine Grams: A gift to give this Valentine's Day

By Sauce Staff

The NSU's Lifted Voices Choir is sponsoring an inexpensive Valentine's gift project. The gospel choir is sponsoring a Valentine Gram sale to help fund their many travel activities.

LaVelda Shepard, a junior accounting major and coordinator of fundraising for Lifted Voices, a gospel choir on campus, remembered doing Valentine Grams in high school.

"I thought it would be a good idea to do around campus," Shepard said. "I don't know if [people] go home or not. They have boyfriends [or girlfriends] that aren't here and their friends can send them something." Fundraisers, like the Valentine Grams, make their traveling possible.

"This semester...the goal is to keep the fundraisers going," Lifted Voices President Fredrick Atkins, a senior accounting and business administration major, said. "We travel at least three weekends out of a month; expenses are very high."

The fundraiser began on Monday and will end on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The grams, which cost $1, include a variety of candy and on-campus delivery. Grams will be delivered on Thursday, Feb. 13.

For those who live off campus, grams can be purchased from any member of Lifted Voices at tables in the Student Union lobby or in Iberville Dining Hall.

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Weekly Horoscope

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■ **Aries (March 21-April 20).**
Outdated records, lost receipts or mistaken facts may cause delays. Work officials will not react well to last-minute change. Don't push for quick answers or revised instructions. After Tuesday, an attitude of lighthearted humor and team interest arrives. Postponed invitations or canceled group events will move forward. Join in and express your social or romantic needs. Friends, relatives and long-term colleagues will be supportive of your choices.

■ **Taurus (April 21-May 20).**
Over the next few days, romantic insecurities will fade. Watch for longstanding questions of loyalty or social motivation to soon be resolved. Ask for direct answers and expect potential romantic partners to clearly discuss their feelings. After midweek, a friend or relative may announce unexpected social plans. New relationships or unusual triangles may be at issue. Offer constructive ideas and gentle compassion. Loved ones will expect honestly expressed opinions.

■ **Gemini (May 21-June 21).**
Financial or business announcements will work in your favor. Late Tuesday, watch for rare employment changes or new team assignments. Some Geminis, especially those born in late May, will also encounter an unusual division of workplace duties. If so, expect a job offer or promotion to soon follow. After Saturday, discuss long-term career and family plans with loved ones. Respond quickly to fresh ideas and first impressions. Your instincts are accurate.

■ **Cancer (June 22-July 22).**
Romantic invitations are complicated this week. Late Tuesday watch for loved ones to create unusual tensions between friends. Key issues may involve divisions of time, social promises or past romantic histories. Don't be drawn into an emotional competition. Over the next four days, loved ones may feel unnecessarily isolated or resentful. After Friday, study the actions or subtle messages of authority figures for important clues. Business change is healthy.

■ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).**
Work officials will offer unreliable instructions or quick outbursts on the work scene. This is not a good time to push for final answers or business decisions. Remain patient and watch for small gains. Early Wednesday, private invitations are rewarding. Expect the attitudes of friends or relatives to increase your faith in intimacy and past romantic decisions. Emotional support and light social antics will be pleasing. Enjoy unique moments with friends and family.

■ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**
Romantic intentions, subtle hints of seduction and unspoken social questions may soon require clear statements. Over the next four days, watch for friends and lovers to be moody, doubtful or highly focused on fast change. Complex relationships will require strong affirmations of motive and long-term intention. Don't shy away from difficult social dynamics. Late Saturday, dreams and sudden flashes of insight are accented. Family relations and home planning are key issues.

■ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**
Early this week, loved ones may be critical of new friendships or social triangles. Over the next few days, expect close friends and relatives to no longer withhold their opinions or observations. Although intense, honest expression is healthy. Allow loved ones the time needed for emotional release. After Friday, avoid detailed financial promises or new home expenses. Loan negotiations, key business decisions and property contracts should be temporarily postponed.

■ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**
Daily business routines may dramatically change this week. Late Tuesday, watch for key officials and co-workers to offer conflicting instructions or poorly defined duties. Stay balanced and watch for new opportunities. Revised rules are necessary for workplace growth or valid career planning. After midweek, romantic invitations are complex. Pay special attention to withheld emotion and private social information. Someone close needs your immediate support. Don't disappoint.

■ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**
Loved ones may challenge social or family plans. Tuesday through Friday, past disputes involving ownership or group promises may return. Some Sagittarians will find it necessary to defend their intentions, values or decisions. Go slow and expect fast breakthroughs. Someone close may be experiencing a dramatic conflict with past emotions. Refuse to linger on old or forgotten details. It's time to clearly state your feelings and move beyond controversy.

■ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).**
Yesterday's romantic doubts will soon fade. Over the next few days, expect loved ones to compete for your attention or actively move relationships forward. Someone close may decide that a recent phase of romantic caution was unnecessary. Watch for revised social motives and quickly changing attitudes. Early Friday, a relative may expect special consideration. Joint finances, long-term debt, property agreements or large purchases are involved. Tempers will be high; go slow.

■ **Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).**
Past debts or financial records may trigger detailed discussions between loved ones. Study newly revealed business or money information for broken promises or revised alliances. Some Aquarians may discover that a long-term friend has withheld important work or money information. Remain determined to the clarity of interpersonal politics or competing workplace agendas. After Saturday, rest and evaluate private thoughts. Silent contemplation will be helpful.

■ **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).**
This week, friends and close work mates boost your self-esteem. Over the next few days, social silence or workplace isolation will no longer influence key decisions. Expect ongoing support and new sensitivity from colleagues. After midweek, career relations move forward. Respond quickly to meaningful reversals from authority figures. Early Friday, social plans may change without warning. New locations, times or dates bring confusion. Stay focused on last-minute adjustments.

■ **If your birthday is this week ...**
Love relationships will become complex and highly emotional by mid- to late February. Social triangles and family opinion may be strong themes. Remain receptive to the ideas of loved ones but refuse to reverse recent romantic or social decisions. After March 6, a new era of public confidence and emotional expansion begins. In the coming months, watch also for a returning awareness of outdated career dreams or business aspirations. By June 4, a growing appreciation of yesterday's plans and goals will emerge. After mid-July, serious job decisions may be needed. Carefully study all returning employment options.

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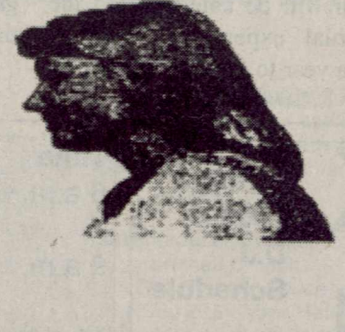

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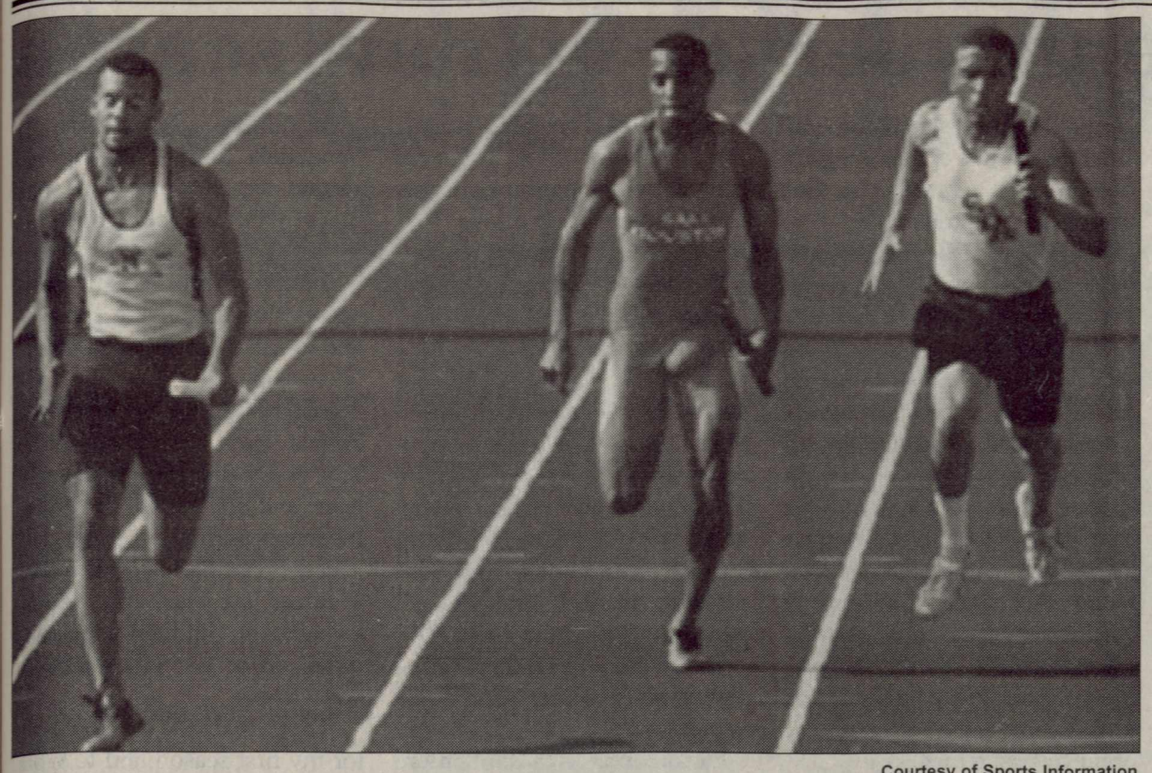

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern's sprinters and distant runners took front stage at the team's second indoor meet of the season. At Saturday's LSU Invitational, Stephanie Sowell set an NSU triple jump record of 43 feet 1 inch.

NSU track team has success at LSU meet

By Callie Reames
Chief Writer

The NSU track team competed in their second indoor track meet of the season Saturday at Louisiana State University with several competitors finishing first or second.

"Our jumpers jumped extremely well, and we had some hurdlers, too, run well," women's coach Dean Johnson said.

Tameisha Miller, a freshman biology major, won first in her long jump division with a distance of 19 feet 3 1/4 inches. Miller also competes in the hurdles event but said she prefers the long jump.

"When you jump, you're the only one on the runway. Everyone's looking at you," Miller said.

Hurdlers race along side each other, so close that Miller said it can be distracting.

"You can reach out and touch people," Miller said.

Jacqueline Canton finished third in the high jump with 5 feet 6 1/2 inches and third in the triple jump with 41 feet 1 inch.

One of NSU's jumpers is Stephanie Sowell, a junior physical education major.

Sowell placed No. 9 in last year's USA Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. She was the only collegiate athlete to make it to the finals in the triple jump event.

Sowell said being among professional athletes as a college sophomore was one of the few times competition made her nervous.

> *"When you jump, you're the only one on the runway. Everyone's looking at you..."*
>
> **-Tameisha Miller**
> about her favorite event, the long jump

"If you get nervous you're going to mess up," Sowell said. "You have to think about what you need to do to win."

Sowell set a new NSU record in the triple jump at Saturday's LSU Invitational. Her distance of 43 feet 1 inch is just three quarters of an inch short than the Southland Conference record.

Men's coach Leon Johnson said the sprinters and distance runners competed well Saturday, but the 400-meter runners and jumpers were not where he wanted them to be.

Sophomore Terry Gatson finished first in the 800-meter run in 1:55.97. Jonah Chelimo ran the 3000-meter in 8: 56.09 and fellow junior Noah Murgor finished his 5000-meter in 16:1.17.

Junior computer information systems major Cedric Scott finished second in the high jump with 6 feet 8 inches. He won third in the long jump with 24 feet 1 3/4 inches.

Scott has been involved in track since the eighth grade and said he likes the jumping events more than running.

"It's the fun event on the track," Scott said about the individual event. "It also involves more concentration than just running."

Saturday's meet was the first of the season for Scott, and he said not having a prior competition to jump in slightly impaired his ability to jump.

"That threw me off a little bit," Scott said.

The team has another chance to compete at LSU next weekend at the Purple Tiger meet. With only three weeks before the indoor conference championships, Johnson said training is going extremely well.

There are 20 football players who compete in the men's shot put and sprinting events. Johnson said those men are making a lot of progress.

"It's still going to be a couple of weeks before they are in meet condition," Johnson said.

How the team fares at the February Southland Conference Championships determines the outcome of the season.

"You might win every track meet you go to, but if you don't win at conference, you're not conference champions," Johnson said.

Demons lose two straight

Courtesy of Sports Information

The Demons two game win streak did not last long as NSU lost two straight on the road. The Demons lost a heartbreaker to Sam Houston State Saturday 76-72 and lost to Lamar on Thursday 79-63.

The Bearkats (11-5 overall, 8-2 in the SLC) shot 52 percent in the first half to 25 percent for the Demons as Sam Houston opened a 38-19 advantage.

Northwestern, without leading scorer Clifton Lee for the second straight game, played much better in the final half but could get no closer than 12 points as three inside players fouled out.

"You can't bury yourself like we did in the first half,"Demon coach Mike McConathy said. "In the second half we did such a better job of moving the ball against their defensive pressure, and so we shot much better.

Northwestern hit 52 percent of its second-half shots from the field and sank 15 of 18 free throws.

The Demons had only 5 turnovers after making 10 in the first half.

Jermaine Wallace, one of 12 freshmen on the NSU roster, scored 17 points on 7 of 11 shooting after getting 21 points Thursday night while sinking 8 of 12 shots. The 6 foot 3 inches guard also snapped off team-best 7 rebounds and had 3 assists.

Center Tim Van and forwards Alfonse Dyer and Byron Allen all fouled out as NSU was hit with 27 personal fouls and Sam Houston 32 in a rugged contest.

In Thursday night's game the Cardinals broke open a tight game with a 17-2 run after halftime to record a 79-63 win over visiting Northwestern State in SLC basketball.

The Demons, dipping to 3-4 in the SLC, fell to 3-11 overall heading into a Saturday night game at Sam Houston State. Jermaine Wallace, one of 12 freshmen on the NSU roster, rang up a career-best 21 points, hitting 8 of 12 shots with 4 of 6 accuracy on 3-pointers.

The Cardinals outrebounded the taller Demons 44-33 with Lewis Arline scoring 10 points and snaring a game-best 11 rebounds.

Van had 8 points and a team-best 10 rebounds for Northwestern, but Wallace was the next-best rebounder for NSU with 5 and he was the only double-digit scorer.

Northwestern aims to extend a two-game home court winning streak next week as the Demons play host to Texas-Arlington Thursday night and welcome SFA to Prather Coliseum Saturday afternoon.

Pack Prather Coliseum Feb. 1

Courtesy Sports Information

Northwestern sets "Pack Prather" for the Feb. 1 doubleheader match up against the Demons and Stephen F. Austin.

Fans can purchase discounted $2 tickets in advance of the promotion offering free gumbo, cash and merchandise prize giveaways and the Southland Conference basketball rivalry.

The women's matchup, pitting the top two contenders for the conference championship, tips off at 2 p.m. in Prather Coliseum at NSU. The men's game between the old rivals follows at 4 p.m.

"The NSU-SFA games are always exciting and intense,"NSU Director of Athletic Marketing Jamie Matherne said. Considering we've just renovated the arena in Prather Coliseum, we want to use the 'Pack Prather' promotion to establish a record attendance for the new seating configuration."

The $2 ticket price is good before game day from seven ticket locations in Natchitoches, Many and Shreveport.

The NSU Nursing School on Line Avenue in Shreveport is the Shreveport-Bossier ticket outlet, with the Peoples State Bank branch serving as the outlet in Many.

In Natchitoches, the $2 tickets can be purchased through Jan. 31 at Ivan Smith Furniture, Sabine State Bank, Monsour Communications, and Peoples State Bank.

Doors to Prather Coliseum open at noon on game day with CP-Tel providing free gumbo until 1:30 p.m. to the first 1,000 fans in the building.

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The way I see it:
NSU B-ball

By Patrick West
Sports Columnist

I would like to make a personal call to the Raiders and ask them what the hell happened?

West

Did they know the game was last Sunday and not this Sunday? At least Tampa Bay showed up on Sunday. The Bucs treated the Raiders like a red-headed stepchild, whooping them from one side of the field to the next.

Tony Taylor could have run for positive yardage against Oakland and Rich Gannon looked like our quarterbacks in the playoffs.

I hope Oakland can rebound and come back next season, but they are not young and might have to revamp. My last hope is that the salary cap issues or free agency cleans out the Bucs or the owner sells the team.

Now on to a local topic: Demon basketball. I know a lot of people watch our basketball teams play week in and week out, like 1,800 people. No comment to that figure, although, I have been to games and have not seen that many. Heck, Centenary fans were louder than us when they played at Prather Coliseum. Isabella nor her friends count in attendance figures.

The Lady Demons are in top shape and are playing with ferocious intensity. They won six straight, but a horrible game against Sam Houston set them back.

The Lady Demons have two huge games coming up this week-they face top-ranked Stephen F. Austin at home. NSU needs to win this game to boost their confidence and to tell everyone they are the real deal and are ready for the playoffs.

Key factors are needed for them to reach the playoffs.

First, quit losing to sorry teams. The Lady Roadrunners got their first win of the season against us. We are the favorite to win it all and lower tier teams are beating us. That is embarrassing.

Second, play Anna Means more. Quit pulling her for long stretches of time. The senior point guard has proven herself; let her play. Pull it together ladies. Start playing like SLC champs.

On to the 3-12 Demons. Yes, I know they are young and rebuilding. At the beginning of the season that was a reasonable excuse, but now it is lame. I feel that every time we lose a game it is okay because of our youth, which is total bull.

But when will it happen. This season, the next, soon? We have talent and I think they need to step it up. A Demon player needs to step up and become a leader.

You guys have an excellent coach, start playing even harder and hold on to leads late in the game. Some games there are mistake after mistake, and I think I am watching a high school game. Come on Demons pull it together and win!

NSU students, if you get a chance go watch a Demon team and support them. It might be fun or it might be embarrassing, you never know.

By Amanda Breaux
Eliza Young practices her forehand during Monday's afternoon tennis practice.

Demon tennis serves up new season

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Tennis is a game of power, finesse, speed and skill. Tennis is an international sport but tennis fever has not caught on yet at Northwestern Sate University.

That is until this season. The six young ladies that are the Northwestern State Lady Demon tennis team are working to make an impression and to get NSU students to recognize them.

Tennis is not hard to understand. Scoring is even easier to follow. Generally tennis players play a best two out of three sets. Each set consists of a number of games. The first tennis player to win six games wins the set.

The game is scored as followed: Love means zero; the first point is 15, the second point is 30, the third point 40 and next point is game. However, the player must win the set by two points (7-5, 8-6, etc.) or the match is a tie. The match then goes into a tiebreaker, like extra innings or overtime. A tiebreaker is then used to end the match.

The overall goal for the team is to reach the Southland Conference Tournament and win it all.

"We have a young squad, but we have been working hard and trying to improve," Lady Demon Head Coach Willie Paz said.

The six girls that make up the roster for the Lady Demons have been braving the cold weather and practicing hard getting ready for this season.

Katy Price is the lone senior from Canada. Price has a wicked topspin serve that is brutal for opponents to return.

"I hope to play well and work extra hard this season and to accomplish all my goals," Price said.

The second year 6-foot Anneline Zerwick hails from South Africa and is looking forward to this upcoming season. While Zerwick plays, listen for her to yell something in her native tongue of Afrikaans.

"I hope to improve my conference team year end position and to reach the SLC tournament," Zerwick said.

Camila Prado is a second year player from Colombia with an 89 M.P.H. serve that blisters opponents. The energetic sophomore plays with intensity and sometimes yells out curse words in Spanish while she plays. This sometimes causes Prado to get penalized during matches.

"I hope to win some matches, play really good teams, and try to play really hard," Prado said.

Eliza Young is a sophomore from Australia with a serve in the high 90's. Young's first choice was Nicholl's State University but chose Northwestern instead.

"I hope to be more consistent throughout the season and play hard," Young said.

Alexandra Nieto is a Venezuela native playing her second year. Nieto is a solid player who was found and contacted by Patz to play for NSU.

"I hope to improve my weaknesses throughout the semester and to win most of my matches," Nieto said.

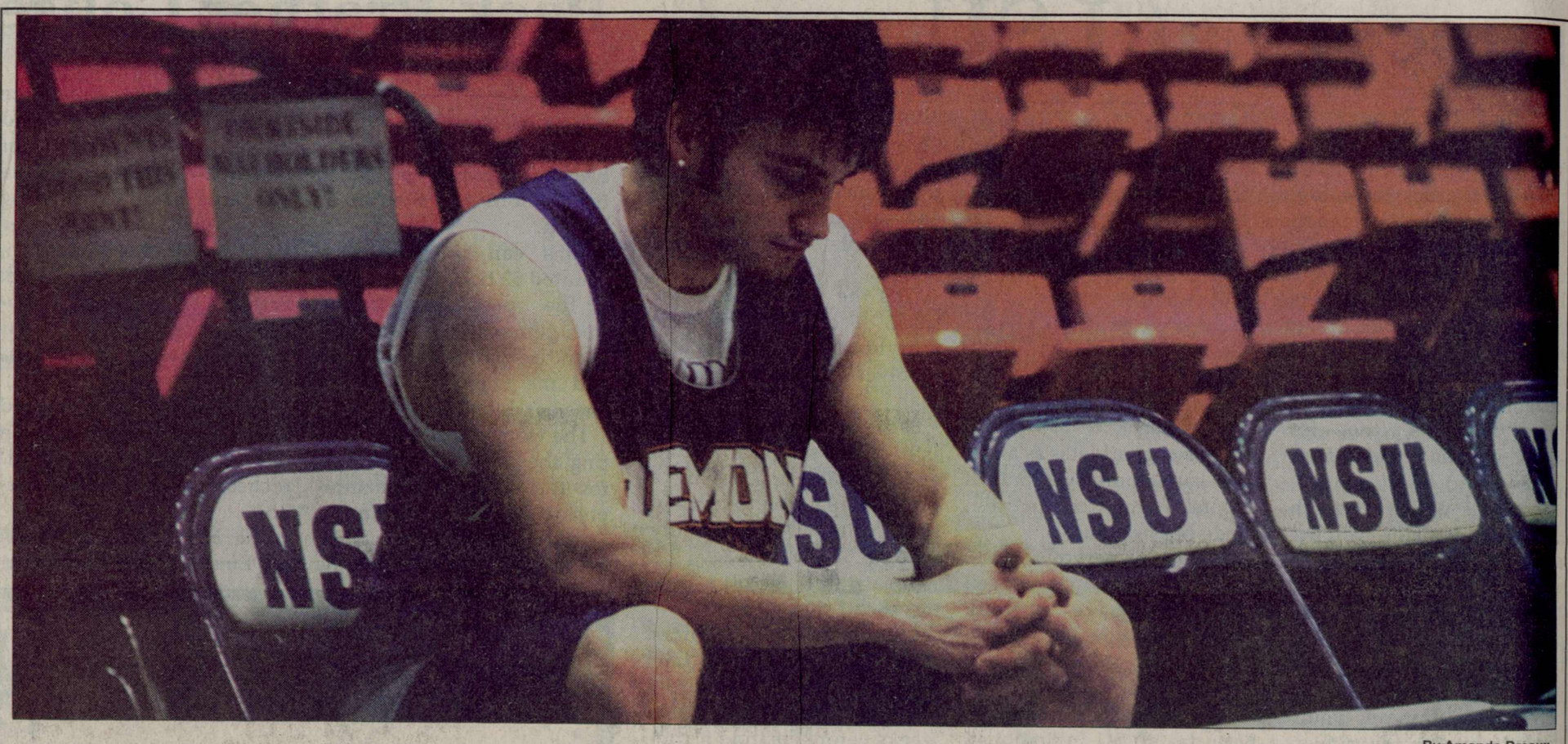
Last but not least is Kristen Pagels from Houston, Texas. This is her first semester on the team and she looks forward to the tennis season.

Pagels started her NSU athletic career last year with the volleyball team but then decided to move on to her other favorite sport tennis.

"I hope to do the best that I can for my first season and to work hard and get better," Pagels said.

The Lady Demons first tennis contest is at home at Jack Fisher Tennis Complex on Feb. 8 at 10 a.m..

The matches are open to all NSU students and personnel.


By Amanda Breaux
Netterville is the youthful Demon's squad only senior player. Despite not racking up game time minutes, he is still a leader on the sidelines.

TAKING IT ALL IN STRIDE

THE DEMONS ONLY SEASONED PLAYER GIVES WAY TO THE COACHES DISCRETION

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Amongst a youthful Demon basketball team, its most seasoned player has found his place to shine.

Fourth-year player B.J. Netterville is the Demon men's basketball team's most seasoned player as well as its only senior. Though this may seem to be an awkward situation to many, B.J. feels otherwise.

"I like being on a younger team," B.J. said. "You get to show the other guys what to do."

In this, B.J. finds his place on the team. Though he said it is frustrating to have to teach a fresh batch of player, he said he wants to be there for his fellow teammates.

B.J. recalled starting his own basketball career as a freshman at Zachary High School in Zachary, La. Having always loved basketball, B.J. spent his high school basketball career working to get better until he found his way to the Demons.

In his sophomore year B.J. had the chance of his lifetime. That year's team took their 19-13 record all the way to the 2001 NCAA Tournament.

Although they lost in the first round to Illinois 96-54, B.J. recalled it fondly.

"It was the best feeling I had in my entire life," B.J. said.

The Demons' current record does not make this achievement seem reachable in the near future, but B.J. feels that in the seasons to come the team has a chance for greatness.

"You don't ever find a team that has twelve freshmen come in and stay together," B.J. said.

"If they all stay together and nobody transfers or quits they are going to be amazing."

He said if the freshmen of this year's team stay together and work hard, they might be able to take NSU back to the NCAA tournament in future seasons.

For now, B.J. said he is happy with his current status on the team regardless of the little amount of playtime he is allowed. B.J. played a small total of 23 minutes in 18 of last season's 31 games scoring only 19 points.

So far this season the statistics have stayed relatively the same with B.J. starting one game, but only playing 17 minutes in 8 of 15 games. So far this season he has scored only three points.

Though B.J. does admit he wishes he could have more time on the court, he understands that the coaching staff knows what they are doing.

"They've got to do what they've got to do and put the best people on the court," he said.

During practice B.J. said he pushes himself to get better to possibly get more playtime, and also tries to find ways to help the team's freshmen.

B.J. said that it does not really matter to him how much playtime he gets.

"If they want me out there for a minute or twenty minutes I take it as a grain of salt," B.J. said

B.J., also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, said basketball has influenced his life more than anything else.

"Basketball just made me a stronger and better person both mentally and physically," he said.

Being put in a place where most would throw in the towel and quit, B.J. has found his place in Demon basketball.

Whether it be playing 20 minutes a game or teaching the freshmen he is happy with whatever he does.

After four years of ups and downs B.J. summed up his feelings for basketball in one short statement.

"If I don't ever get on the court and we just win, that would be fine with me."

Lady Demons up and down the SLC road trip

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Bearkats (5-11, 3-7 SLC) upset the Lady Demons (9-6, 6-2 SLC) Saturday in Huntsville, Texas, snapping a six-game win streak.

NSU shot only 34 percent from the floor losing the game in overtime 77-69. In the second half, Sam Houston shot 48 percent from the floor and 50 percent from behind the arc to help them beat NSU. The Lady Demons were leading at halftime by three points but the Lady Bearkats came out shooting and outscored NSU by three to send the game into overtime.

Angela Davidson had a last minute jump shot to seal the win but the shot hit the rim and bounced out. The Lady Bearkats proceeded to outscore the Lady Demons 15-7 in overtime to record the win.

"Disappointed by this loss but this is what is good about Basketball, we have two or three days to rebound and correct mistakes for the next game," Lady Demon Head Coach James Smith said.

La' Terrica Dobin paced the Lady Demons with 17 points, 12 assists, 7 rebounds and 6 steals in the loss. Dobin was one of three players to reach double figures for the Lady Demons. Diamond Cosby had 15 points followed by Jamie Callais season high 11 points as NSU had its poorest shooting performance of the season.

On the road at Lamar the Lady Demons won easily 85-65. The win gave the Lady Demons a five game winning streak, which was snapped Saturday.

NSU jumped out to an early 21 point lead and never looked back.

Davidson scored a season-high 26 points in the win. Cosby contributed 12 points off the bench and Callais led the Demons with eight rebounds. Dobin dished out 9 assists.

Coming up for the Lady Demons are two home games against UT-Arlington and first place Stephen F. Austin. Tip-off for Thursday's game is 5:45 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

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Thief imitating janitor arrested

By Glenn Ward
Sauce Reporter

A Natchitoches man was arrested Tuesday after students, concerned by a series of thefts on campus, staked out Boozman Hall and alerted police that a burglary was in process.

Damien Terrell Harris, a 30-year-old non-student and ex-employee of Red River Sanitation was arrested and charged with two counts of simple burglary, University Police Detective Doug Prescott said. He was carrying $30 worth of change when caught.

Boozman front desk worker Amanda Koob was on duty while the suspect was being chased.

"I stayed on the phone with the station while the other RA's followed the man and pointed him out to the police, keeping in contact with their radios," Koob said. "He tried walking out the back, but an AC watched him and he was caught between Boozman and Varnado."

Prescott said weeks of assistance from dormitory residents were instrumental to catching the suspect. Many of the victims gave similar descriptions of the thief.

Since Jan. 16, eight or nine rooms have been burglarized, Prescott said, including one where the thief asked the victim for help to evade police.

Sophomore Boozman resident Linsey Golmon recalled sitting in her room with the lights off typing on her computer when the man came in.

"He looked startled to see

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SGA cleans house in second senate meeting

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

What remains of the Student Government Association convened Monday night for only the second time this semester. The SGA has been plagued by problems arising from its reduced size, resulting in a very sluggish start.

The main order of business at the meeting was the organization of departments. Though each department has a head, turnout at meetings are low.

Cosby offered two explanations. First, department sign-up sheets that should have been issued the first week of school are only now being organized. She also felt that the small size of the senate was partially to blame.

As of Monday night, only 14 of the 35 seats on the senate were filled.

"You have five commission-

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Photo by Amanda Breaux

Flags and a wreath decorate a memorial to the seven Columbia astronauts in Hemphill, Texas, near the site where authorities have found some of the largest pieces of shuttle debris. The Columbia, NASA's first space shuttle to go into orbit, broke up on re-entry Saturday morning after an otherwise successful and uneventful scientific mission. The accident's cause is yet unknown.

SHUTTLE TRAGEDY

Columbia accident heard, felt at NSU

- *One piece of shuttle debris found in Natchitoches Parish; residents urged to stay away from possible debris and contact authorities.*
- *NSU space scholarship program, JOVE, "probably won't" be affected.*

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter
with staff and wire reports

Several NSU students witnessed the disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia Saturday morning, and University faculty said NSU's space research programs would not be affected by the Columbia accident.

State police said one piece of shuttle debris, reportedly about the size of a silver dollar, was recovered in southern Natchitoches Parish. Several more were taken from around the Fort Polk and Leesville area.

The state police Web site said they found 150 pieces of debris in 27 Louisiana parishes, from Calcasieu parish in the southwest to St. Tammany parish in the east, as of Wednesday afternoon.

Senior history major Doyle Barham lives on Toledo Bend Lake near Zwolle, where some of the debris had been raining down. When he heard a low rumble, he thought it was jet flying low overheard and decided to check it out.

"I heard this big boom and then it went back to a low rumble," Barham said. "I looked outside and couldn't see anything."

Human remains were discovered about 30 minutes from Barham's house in Sabine county, Texas.

"If it would have been 15, 16 seconds later, then pieces would have fallen at my house," Barham said.

Junior journalism major Josh Ault talked to his parents who live in Texas.

"At first they thought it was an earthquake, then my parents saw it falling from the sky," Ault said.

> ***"If it would have been 15, 16 seconds later, then pieces would have fallen at my house."***
>
> **—Doyle Barham**
> Senior history major

The Columbia's explosion has made everyone aware of the risks involved in space travel, but the thrill of working for NASA has not been dulled for sophomore Jordan Smith.

"It's still a lot safer than flying or getting in your car and getting on the road," Smith said.

Three astronauts died in an Apollo cockpit fire in 1967, and another seven died in the Challenger shuttle explosion in 1986. Six Americans and the first Israeli astronaut in history manned Columbia when it fell apart.

Smith will work with NASA as an intern this summer while he continues to study physics with a concentration in space science.

NSU works with NASA through the JOVE program and the College of Science and Technology. The JOVE program is an NSU-funded research scholarship for chemistry, physics and biology majors.

"It (the Columbia accident) probably won't affect the JOVE program at all," said Paul Withey, department head for chemistry and physics. "It's an internal scholarship for students."

NSU students worked with NASA on Columbia's mission STS-65 in July 1994, designing several of the life science experiments conducted as part of the second International

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See *Shuttle mission ends in...*

Photo by Amanda Breaux

State and federal law enforcement remove an unidentified piece of shuttle debris from a forest outside Hemphill, Texas. State police said debris has been found in 27 Louisiana parishes, including Natchitoches Parish.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
36°/26°	44°/25°	54°/31°
Windy	20% chance of rain	Partly Cloudy

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FCA director speaks at banquet

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

The first president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Foundation spoke at NSU's second annual African American Leadership Banquet Wednesday.

Rev. Carey Casey is the guest speaker for the event. He will be speaking in reference to Black History Month.

Casey first got involved in the FCA while in junior high, according to the official FCA website. In 1983, after earning his Master's of Divinity degrees from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and the Virginia Union University of Theology, he joined the FCA staff as the ministry's first urban director.

According to the FCA website, Casey also served as the chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys and was a recipient of the Dallas NAACP Juanita Craft Award. The award is named after a civil rights activist and NAACP member who worked towards black equality and local desegregation in Texas.

NAACP member Torrey Washington thought that having Casey as the guest speaker for the leadership banquet was great.

Washington said he was "glad they were able to get someone of his stature to come down."

The banquet was open to select organizations through invitation only. Associate Director of Cultural Diversity Diane Jones said a few of the organizations invited to attend were the African American Caucus, Lifted Voices, and the African American fraternities and sororities associated with the school.

Washington is happy the banquet is becoming an annual event. He thinks the banquet is a good start, but a lot more could be done.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Students gather at the Union Ballroom Wednesday night to listen to FCA director Carey Casey speak about Black History month.

Shuttle mission ends in disaster

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Microgravity Laboratory.

That mission's pilot, Air Force Lt. Col. James D. Halsell from West Monroe, came to NSU after the mission to give a lecture series about it.

None of the crew members from STS-65 were part of the doomed Columbia mission. Halsell worked as space shuttle launch integration manager at NASA until December before returning to Johnson Space Center for flight training.

The college of Science and Technology works with NASA on research projects, and these students often enter the agency as mathematicians, scientists and engineers. The college works with the Space Science Group, which hosts a summer camp for 8- to 18-year-olds.

Dean of Science and Technology Austin Temple said the department plans to implement the Columbia incident into their summer camp program.

"We are going to incorporate it in some meaningful way into the script so that we don't forget that this (space flight) is not routine, but the general public forgets the risks involved," Temple said. "It's something you do for the love of exploration; it's a sacrifice they make like any other adventurer, like Marco Polo."

The Columbia broke apart over Texas at about 8 a.m. Saturday. The shuttle accident captured the nation's attention, and President Bush has vowed to continue exploration with increased funding for NASA.

Temple said an exploding tire would be enough to bring the shuttle down. News wire and television reporters have said NASA is investigating the effect of one or many heat-dispersing tiles knocked off by a loosened piece of insulation from the external fuel tank during liftoff.

NASA said that as Columbia re-entered Earth's atmosphere, anomalies were noticed along her left wing and near the left landing gear. This is the area where the insulation struck the shuttle orbiter.

Late Wednesday, however, NASA officials suggested other unknown factors may be to blame in the shuttle's destruction. Scientists will not know what caused the breakup until the shuttle can be reassembled.

NASA is working with local officials and the National Guard to collect pieces of the Columbia. The gathered parts are being stored in Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport.

The state police Web site said people coming into contact with shuttle wreckage should immediately notify state or local law enforcement and avoid touching, moving or disturbing debris due to the high toxicity of jet propellants.

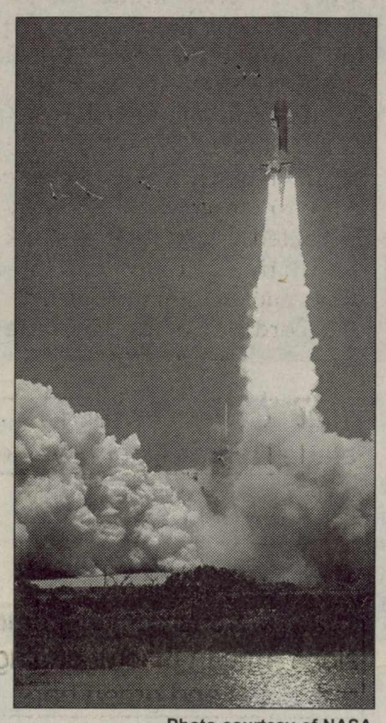

Photo courtesy of NASA
The space shuttle Columbia takes off from Kennedy Space Center on July 8, 1994. The Columbia carried experiments from NSU to space on that trip. NASA officials are investigating Columbia's disintegration on re-entry Saturday.

Thief asked student for help in evading police

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someone in the room," Golmon said. "He asked if I had any trash, and when I told him no, he said he worked for Red River Sanitation. He was probably just going down the hall turning knobs."

James Jefferson, director for Red River Sanitors said that Harris had been an employee, but was fired four years ago.

All Red River employees are required to wear identification while on duty, Jefferson said. He added that if any student doubts whether a person is an employee, they should call 357-6805 immediately.

"I'm glad they apprehended this gentleman; he was giving all of us a bad rap," Jefferson said. "It made it look like all janitors are thieves, and that's not the case."

Junior Caspari resident Crickett Martin was one of the first students victimized by the string of similar thefts, when his room was burglarized at the end of last semester.

"I've lived in Caspari two and a half years and we've never locked our door," Martin said. "This is the first theft that's happened to us. But I'm damn sure to lock my door now."

Junior Caspari resident Antonio Boyd reported a theft on Jan. 21 by a man matching the same description.

"He hopped through the window and stole my PlayStation, camcorder, tennis shoes and broke my watch," Boyd said. Boyd said he usually locks his window, but the air conditioner was not working and it was hot.

"I feel bad, and I think about my game all the time," he said. "I worked hard for my things this summer."

On Jan. 16, freshman Caspari resident Chris Mason had an altercation with the man inside Mason's room.

"I was in my friend's room, and I came back to my room to get a drink," Mason said. "He was standing beside my TV and had put all of my stuff in my duffel bag and said, 'Help me man, the police are chasing me.'

"I couldn't see the link between the police chasing him and his taking my PlayStation2," he said. "I don't see how that was necessary for him to escape.

"So I hit him once, but he came back again and I hit him this time with my left hand. He spun around and ran away.

"After that first lick, he let everything go."

Prescott said Harris had admitted he was in the room with Mason, but denied a struggle took place. This was how the second simple burglary was attached to Harris's charges.

In the weeks following Jan. 16, students from both Boozman and Caspari halls began coming by the police station to look at a photo-lineup and give statements.

For a photo-lineup to be admissible in court, at least five other suspects with similar characteristics—including hair style, skin-tone and piercings—have to be shown to a victim, Prescott explained. Out of those six, the victim has to positively identify the correct suspect.

"We are still building the case, and we're still trying to get other victims in who can make positive IDs," Prescott said. "It's not enough just to arrest—we want criminal prosecution for what he's done.

"Most of what was taken was cash, and there is almost no possible way to trace that unless you catch the suspect right after the crime," Prescott said. However, he added that "students have taken an active role in safety."

Sauce reporter Robyn Selders contributed to this report.

SGA removes 'dead weight' senators; 21 seats open

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ers, that only leaves about nine people to attend the meetings. Many senators were removed from the senate last semester due to attendance and participation problems," Cosby said.

The removals were executed under an article of the constitution that until now had not often been used.

Cosby explained that the article states that failure to either produce two pieces of legislation per semester or attend the requisite number of meetings would result in an automatic removal from the senate.

Most prior attempts to remove senators had been on grounds that require the senate to vote on whether or not to execute the removal. Cosby explained that in these situations getting the votes required to remove the offending senators was hard because of people not wanting to vote off their friends.

Despite all of these setbacks, however, the mood of the senate is generally optimistic. Most leading senators have chosen to look beyond the early problems the senate has had and to view the removals as a positive move for the senate.

"There were a lot of people who left that were just dead weight, so to speak," Vice President Jennifer Jensen said. "There are about half of them (the remaining senators) that are very strong senators, and the other half are at least willing to come and to learn and to do something."

Cosby also felt that the senate had undergone a positive change and that the remaining members were more than willing to work. She said that they already had plans for several activities and projects that will affect the student body.

This is a notable change from last semester's senate that concerned itself mostly with internal affairs.

"In this last week more has happened than in all of last semester," Cosby said.

Monday night the SGA began the long process of rebuilding itself with the appointment of Chad Maggio by unanimous consent of the senate. Maggio is the first of many appointed senators who will join the SGA this semester.

According to Cosby, several people have already filled out applications for consideration for appointment, and many more are expected. These applications can be found in the SGA office in the Student Union.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Students In Free Enterprise
The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Spanish Club
The Spanish Club will meet Wednesday from 3-4 p.m in Room 341 Kyser. We will have a fiesta. Also, all club representatives will begin meeting every Monday from 3-4 p.m. in the Foreign Language Resource Center, Room 313 Kyser. Remember that Salsa Night will be held on April 8 from 7-11 p.m. in the Student Union Alley. For more information, see your class representative or contact Comfort Pratt in office 314K (357-5590).

Black History Month
There will be a Black History Month program Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the A. A. Fredericks auditorium.

Phi Mu (ΦM)
"Canines on the Cane" K-9 Parade—Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. on the Cane River Lake.

"Oldies but Goodies" Rock-A-Thon—Help ΦM sponsor Children's Miracle Network in front of Wal-Mart from 2-6 p.m. on Feb. 24.

ΦM will be selling $1 Valentine Hearts on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled by Glenn Ward

Jan. 30
■ 1:54 a.m. A complaint was made from the University Columns about a person squealing their tires. A unit arrived the same minute, but the car had already left.
■ 2:13 a.m. A call was made from University Columns apt. 916 because a student heard a loud pellet gun shot in front of her apartment. A unit responded the same minute. The caller had been asleep when the sound woke her up, and she did not know the source or direction of the disturbance. Police made frequent passes throughout the night.
■ 10:58 p.m. An AC in Rapides called to report items stolen from 322W. A unit responded at 11:11 p.m. and filled out a report.
■ 11:54 p.m. A University Columns resident called to report students in apartment 925 causing a disturbance. The caller said the students were setting off fireworks. A unit responded at 11:55 a.m. and advised the residents that if another complaint was made, further action would be taken.

Jan. 31
■ 12:10 a.m. The Sabine front desk reported a disturbance in the lobby. Three units responded at 12:11 a.m. and the situation was resolved without further action.
■ 12:14 p.m. A theft was reported from Williamson Hall when inventory was taken and a laptop was noticed missing. A statement was written.
■ 3:18 p.m. A student in Caspari called in reference to a possible drug violation on the second floor. Two units arrived at 3:24 p.m., but left at 3:31 p.m. without further action.
■ 5:43 p.m. A call was received that cattle were loose near the University Columns. Three units responded at 5:50 p.m. and two calves were found roaming near the Natchitoches Central High School baseball field. The calves where herded back to the pasture across from the University Columns.
■ 10:23 p.m. A suspicious person was reported at the Fine Arts Building. Two units arrived at 10:24 p.m. The caller said the suspect ran out of the building, jumped onto a bike and started heading towards College Avenue. Both units searched for the suspect, but were unable to find the suspect.

Feb. 1
■ 1:22 a.m. An AC of Rapides called to report a drug problem. Two units responded at 1:25 a.m. and apprehended a student with a small amount of marijuana. He was issued a summons and released.
■ 3:04 a.m. An AC of Rapides called to request officer assistance for an intoxicated student running up and down the halls swearing. A unit responded at 3:07 a.m. and the situation was resolved without further action.

Feb. 2
■ 2:45 a.m. A student reported a burglary from University Columns Apt. 616. A unit responded at 2:51 a.m. and a statement was taken.
■ 6:14 p.m. Rapides front desk called in a complaint about a person that needed to be removed from the premises because he was being disrespectful. Two units arrived at 6:18 p.m. and the situation was resolved without further action.
■ 12:05 p.m. A student from Rapides reported a noise that sounded like a shooting. Two units responded at 12:07 p.m. Both gave the all clear after searching the area.

Feb. 3
■ 10:01 a.m. A complaint was received from Kyser Hall because the elevator was stuck between floors. The elevator was repaired and no one was injured.
■ 10:30 p.m. A student requested an officer take a report of a fight that took place earlier in the evening. However, the fight had occurred on Dean St., so the student was advised to contact the city police.
■ 11:44 p.m. A unit advised the station to call the Natchitoches Police Department in reference to a runaway located at the University Columns. The runaway had broken some glass in apartment 1115. Three units arrived at 11:55 p.m. and returned to the Cane River Children's Services.

Feb. 4
■ 1:07 p.m. A call was received from Boozman about a suspicious person. Two units arrived the same minute and apprehended the suspect.
■ 2:36 p.m. A complaint was received from a Sabine resident about a group of five males near the dorm. The responding officer spoke to the subjects and explained to them that they cannot talk to young ladies that way.

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FEATURES

For years, February has represented more than just another month. It's celebrated the rich but overlooked history of black Americans. But how did this recognition come about? Why does it exist? We scoured the Internet to find out why there's a

BLACK history month?

Though February is a short month, it recognizes a vast history for black Americans.

"Black history is the same as the history of the United States of America," Francis Powell, assistant professor of social work department, said. "It is an under reported history, but it is American history."

A new Sauce feature for each week of February

The celebration of Black History Month and the study of black history can be credited to Carter G. Woodson.

According to the Web site Infoplease.com, Woodson was a former slave and spent most of his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines. Woodson enrolled in high school at age 20 and graduated in two years. He later went on to earn a PhD from Harvard University.

The Web site also said after studying many history books, Woodson found that much of his studies showed blacks in an inferior position.

According to the Web site, Woodson decided to take on the challenge of writing blacks into history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915.

According to the Web site Creativefolk.com, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History has historically worked to "conserve, preserve and perpetuate" African American history and culture.

According to the Web site Infoplease.com, in 1926 "Negro History Week," later to be called "Black History Month," was launched to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout America.

Woodson selected the second week of February for Negro History week because of two men who greatly impacted the American black population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

According to the Web site Archives.gov, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863. The proclamation declared that "all persons held as slaves within the rebellious states, are and henceforwared shall be free."

According to Keele University's School of American Studies website, Douglas was a writer and leading figure in the abolitionist movement. He wrote the publication *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*. The book revealed his master's identity and he took refuge in England where he was helped by sympathetic liberals to buy his freedom.

Even on NSU's campus, students and faculty continue to observe Black History Month.

"Black History Month should motivate us," Samantha Sonnier, freshmen accounting major, said. "It should make us realize what happen in the past and help us celebrate how far we have come."

1868: NAACP co-founder W.E.B DuBois is born

1870: 15th Amendment grants blacks suffrage; Hiram Revels becomes first black U.S. senator

1900: J.W. Johnson writes the Negro National Anthem

1909: NAACP founded in New York City

1920: Marcus Garvey commissions African Liberation flag of red, black and green bars

1926: Carter G. Woodson starts Negro History Week

1960: Black college students stage a sit-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C.

1965: Black Nationalist Malcolm X shot to death

1968: Nobel-winning civil rights leader Martin Luther King assassinated

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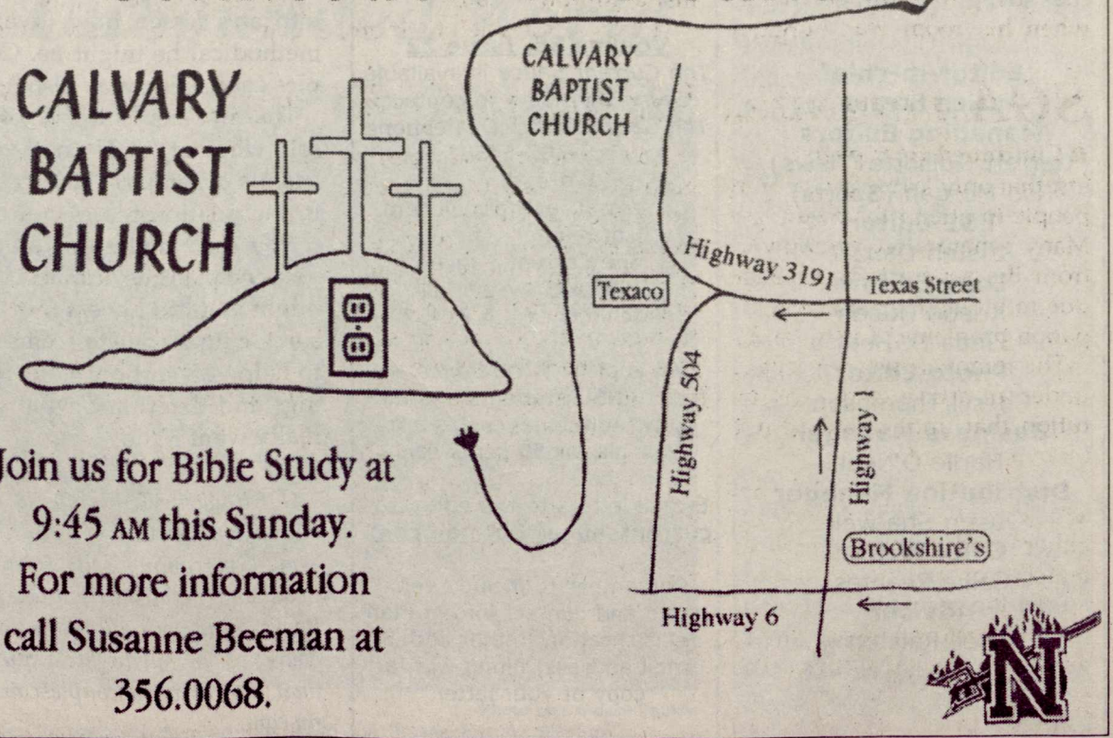

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Atomic bomb saved lives

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Columnist

Last Wednesday former South African President Nelson Mandela, a Nobel Peace laureate, said Bush's war plans are only "an excuse to get Iraq's oil."

Mandela fails to realize that Saddam's invasion of Kuwait was an excuse to capture oil wells that could be used to pay off debt from the Iran-Iraq war.

In addition to disregarding national borders, Saddam violated the Geneva Convention and used chemical weapons against the Iranians and his own people.

Boudreaux

Saddam used chemical weapons on men, women and children in northern Iraq to suppress a Kurdish uprising.

Thousands were killed or left with life debilitating diseases. After the Gulf War, Saddam refused to cooperate with United Nations weapon inspectors and forced his people to endure continuing economic sanctions.

"If there is a country that has committed unspeakable atrocities in the world, it is the United States of America," Mandela said. "They decided to drop the atom bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki; killed a lot of innocent people."

"What I am condemning is that one power, with a president who has no foresight, who cannot think properly, is now wanting to plunge the world into a holocaust," Mandela said.

I object to Mandela's assertion that the U.S. has committed atrocities. I acknowledge that it has made mistakes, many of them, but the U.S. has for the most part strived for human rights. This is a country guided by providence, not lead by it. There will always be mistakes.

What's important is that we learn from our mistakes, and we learned that appeasing a dictator doesn't work. Thousands of Americans died in Europe and the Pacific because the U.S. took a "hands-off" approach to global politics after World War I.

It was the sacrifice of countless American men and women that brought an end to the Holocaust. Since then, America has intervened around the world to prevent atrocities like genocide.

Even when forced to wage war, the U.S. has had a policy to spare civilians and noncombatants if at all possible.

Former U.S. President Harry S. Truman looked at target cities for the atom bombs and disregarded those with significant religious and cultural importance as well as those with large populations.

Truman used the bomb because he thought it would save American and Japanese lives.

There would have been hundreds of thousands killed if Japan had been invaded. The atom bomb saved lives; I'll say it again. The atom bomb saved lives.

Some like Mandela may argue that Japan was beaten and the US should not have dropped both bombs, but they forget that there were three days between the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

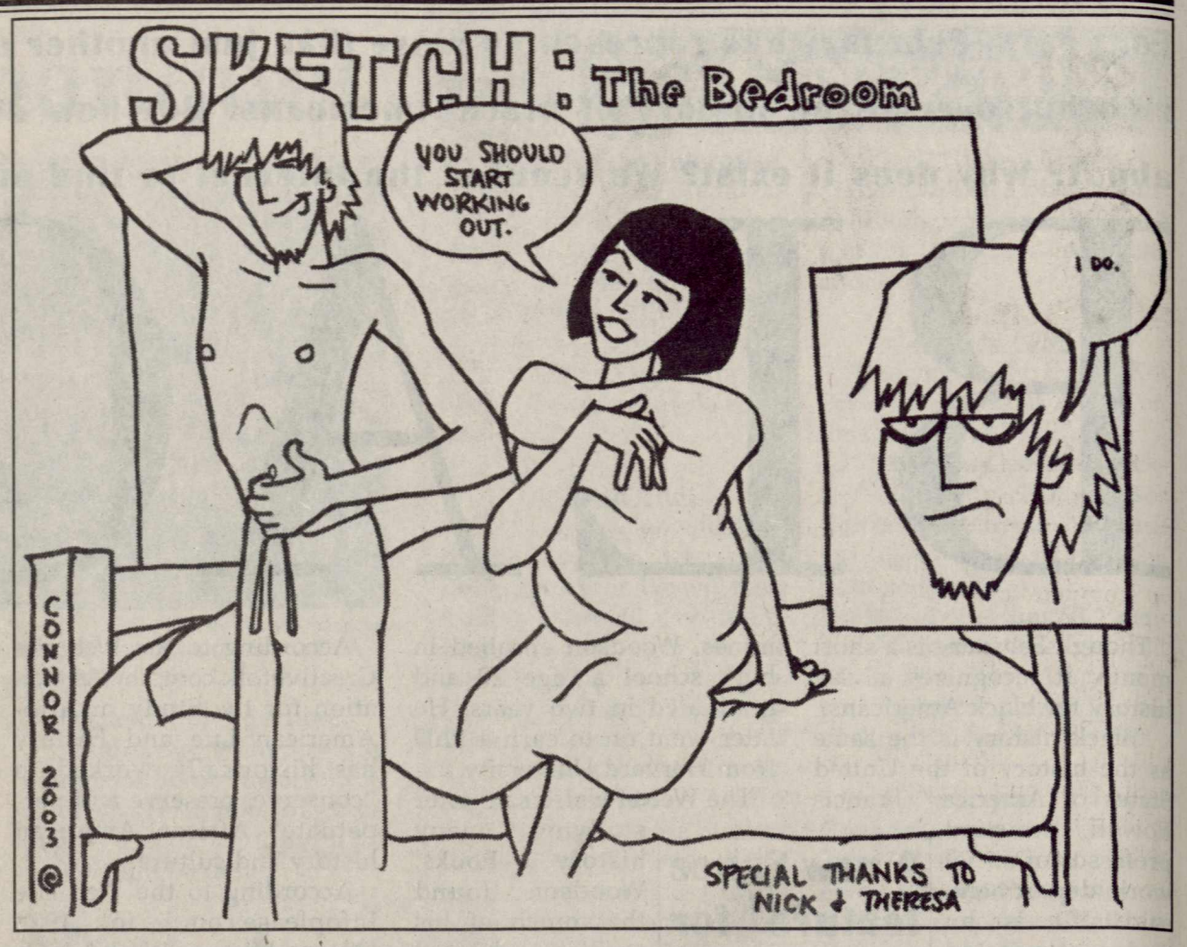
That's 72 hours. Japan refused to surrender even after experiencing the first atomic blast. Clearly Japan's will to fight had not yet been broken. Saddam has not lost his will to fight the United States and its allies despite increasing political and military pressure.

I think Saddam only understands force, and that's the language the world must now use. Mandela asked, "who are they, now, to pretend that they are the policemen of the world?

To want to decide for the people in Iraq what they should do with their government and with their leadership?"

If enough citizens agree with Mandela they can send Bush looking for a new job in two years, but there are no elections in Iraq. The U.S. is not going to decide who will govern Iraq, but it will allow the people of Iraq to govern themselves.

The U.S. is the world's policeman, and it must not shirk its responsibilities. As in Afghanistan, U.S. soldiers will allow the bells of liberty to ring, but not before the bellow of cannon fire.



Relationships 101: Sex, drugs, rock and relationships

By Dr. Mark Goulston
Courtesy KRT Campus

Dear Dr. Mark,

My boyfriend of two years is good-looking, good to me, doesn't mess around with other girls, has ambition (he's in law school) and doesn't do drugs or drink alcohol, but I feel like I have to get away from him. He's so logical and methodical about everything that it's driving me crazy. My friends and my parents think I'm nuts to be unhappy with him and tell me he's the catch of the century and I'd be crazy to leave him; but the more I'm around him, the more I feel confined and irritable, even though he doesn't do anything on the surface to make me feel that way. He doesn't understand why I'm so unhappy around him, and frankly, I don't understand it either. What's my problem?

Suffocating at University of Virginia

Dear Suffocating,

You and your boyfriend remind me of a couple I treated a few years ago where the wife felt very much the way you do, and the husband acted very much like your boyfriend.

She liked his stability but felt suffocated by what she described as an oppressive personality. In ways that she couldn't quite put her finger on, he sucked the life out of her. He, too, was very logical and methodical. His pace was much slower than hers because he was a person who had to gather all the facts before making decisions, whereas she relied more on her instincts and intuition.

To make things even worse, the more she became impatient with him, the more his mind locked, and he'd need to start all over again in conversations. This created a vicious cycle of her feeling oppressed by this quality in him, followed by her becoming agitated, followed by him becoming exasperated by her.

We tried many approaches, but what really helped was putting both of them on medication after determining that they were both having several of the symptoms of depression, including. sleep and appetite disturbances. I placed her on a medication called Paxil, which is an antidepressant like Prozac and enabled her to increase her patience when she was around him. I started him on Effexor, another antidepressant medication that helped lessen his obsessive thinking and gave him more energy.

I'm not telling you to go on medications but something may need to be done to increase your patience with him and lessen how (overly) methodical he might be. Couples counseling may also help.

The first step is to ask yourself whether YOU (not your friends or family) want to stay in the relationship or get out. If you can't figure this out, as your note to me implies, you might want to have a few sessions with a college counselor to help you sort out your feelings and determine what you really want to do.

(Dr. Mark Goulston is the author of "Get Out of Your Own Way: Overcoming Self-Defeating Behavior" published by Perigee Books. Send your questions to Dr. Mark at mgoulsto@ucla.edu or visit him at www.couplescompany.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faculty corrects faulty investment advice

In your January 23rd issue there is an article on investing by guest columnist, Edward L. Boudreaux III. I don't know what his qualifications are to be giving financial advice, but there are glaring errors in his information about IRA accounts.

First of all, one MAY start to withdraw funds from an IRA at age fifty-nine and a half without penalty and MUST start withdrawals at age seventy-one and a half.

Secondly, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are NOT mutual funds. An IRA is like any regular investment account in which one can buy and sell ANY kind of investment including individual stocks, bonds, REITS, mutual funds, etc. The ONLY difference is that nothing can be withdrawn from the account without penalty until age fifty-nine and a half.

The idea is to maximize growth within the account and that may entail trading within the account. Funds withdrawn after the legal age are usually taxable, but usually by then an individual is in a lower tax bracket.

Also, there are now different kinds of IRAs, so before embarking on this kind of lifetime venture, one would do well to visit with a financial consultant or other knowledgeable individual. A lot of information on investing is available on the World Wide Web.

On a completely different subject, I am appalled by some of the grammar in your publication. Surely in an institution of higher education you can find people who can do better. At least have your articles proofread before you publish them.

Dr. J. A. Metcalf
NSU Department of Biology

Demon basketball fan speaks out

This letter is in response to your article in the Thursday, January 30, 2003 *Current Sauce* concerning your opinions about the Northwestern Basketball Teams. I understand that our Demons are not doing so well this year but you have no right to degrade them like you did in this article. Yes we all know that they are young and in time they will be CHAMPIONS. How dare you assume that the Demons will embarrass themselves and their fans just by not having a successful season. Do you have a crystal ball that you are looking into so that you can predict every Demon Game or what? When can we expect to see your Pulitzer Prize for you wonderful articles you write in the *Current Sauce*? Will it be this year, the next, soon?

I know I speak for all of the "TRUE DEMON FANS" when I say we don't want you at the ballgames if you are embarrassed by our Demons. If you were a true demon fan, you would not be embarrassed by the games they may lose but you would be supportive. As for the Lady Demons, they are playing like SLC Champs. You must have been at another university watching their teams and not ours. Hats off to all of the Coaches for the wonderful work they do for our teams. They too are CHAMPIONS.

Donna Motter Anderson
Office Coordinator
University Police

Where does our government funding go?

The above cartoon was submitted as a letter to the editor. David Thomas, the creator of the above work, is not employed by the *Current Sauce*.

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LOB

After numerous practices, intense preparation and competitive training, Lady of the Bracelet contestants prepare for their big night

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Lady of the Bracelet contestants practice Wednesday night in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium for Friday's pageant.

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Fourteen young ladies will compete for the 44th annual Lady of the Bracelet (LOB) title tomorrow.

The pageant will be held in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium and will start at 7:30 p.m.

NSU alumna Casey Crowder will serve as the master of ceremonies for the pageant.

Crowder graduated in 2001 with a bachelor of science in business.

LOB Committee Chairman Laura Terrell was a contestant in last year's pageant.

Terrell said this year she decided to use her talents to serve as mentor rather than compete.

"It is a great honor on SAB to be a committee head," Terrell said.

Terrell said this year a preliminary was held prior to the pageant to narrow down the contestants. Approximately 32 women signed up for the pageant.

There are 14 women competing in Miss LOB tomorrow.

The Miss Lady of the Bracelet will receive a scholarship to NSU and will perform duties as the official hostess for Northwestern.

After the pageant, the LOB recipient will continue on to compete in the Miss Louisiana pageant for the state title.

Charlene Gifford, a junior social work major, said she is competing in the pageant to increase awareness of her platform. Gifford's platform focuses on the government's abstinence program.

Each young lady will compete in swimsuit, evening wear and talent competitions.

"Talent is going to be one of the hardest divisions of the pageant,"Lauren O'Kelly, junior elementary education major, said. "I am excited to see how everything goes."

For two years O'Kelly performed in the LOB pageant as an LOB tapper. "I've watched backstage for the past two years and I thought I could do that," she said.

O'Kelly will perform tap in the pageant. Other talents include clogging, flugal horn, twirling, dance, dramatic monologue and oratory.

Gifford said she has been clogging since she was four-years-old and competes competitively.

Sarah Jessica Rhodes said she is participating in the pageant for the scholarship.

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> **-Lauren O' Kelly**
> LOB contestant

"I really could use the money. If I can use my talents to pay for school then that is good," Rhodes said.

Terrell said various workshops and service projects were planned thought the semester.

"They [service projects] help better the community and the contestants so they have the contestants so they have the confidence in themselves to be better in the pageant," Terrell said.

The contestants provided a self-esteem workshop at the Boys and Girls Club.

Terrell said the young ladies gave up glitz and glitter for a day to participate in a tacky evening gown contest.

Danielle Gourgues, the winner of the tacky evening gown contest, was clad in a black dress with neon stripes and oversized bows.

"I was so happy to be the queen of the tacky evening gown contest. I wore a Burger King crown and if I don't win queen at least I have that," Gourgues, a sophomore music education major, said.

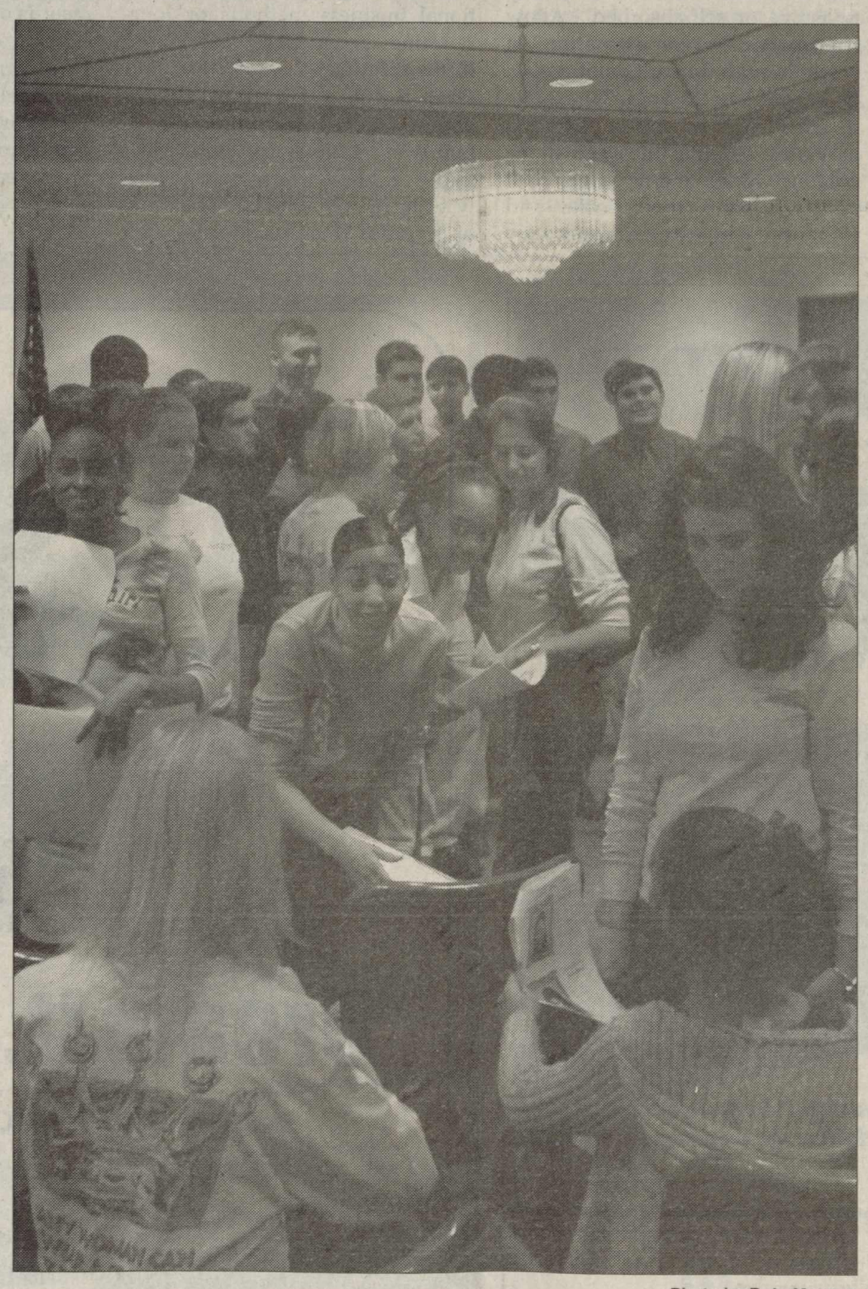

Photo by Rob Morgan
Lady of the Bracelet contestant members and Theta Chi Fraternity teamed up on Monday to host a luncheon for the Boys and Girls Club of Campti, La.

ΘX, LOB join forces for good cause

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The Lady of the Bracelet pageant contestants and members of Theta Chi Fraternity hosted a luncheon for the Boys and Girls Club on Monday in the President's Room of the Student Union.

Luncheon chairman Brian White decided to take on this project after being asked by several of the alumni in the fraternity. The luncheon was last held in 1996.

"The contestants will serve as positive female role models to the girls of the Boys and Girls Club," White said. "It will teach them that they can do whatever they want in life and always make the right choices."

The luncheon allows the contestants to speak to the young girls about pageants and college life.

The Boys and Girls Club of Campti, La., attended this event.

There were 42 people attending, with 14 Lady of the Bracelet contestants.

Hallmark in Natchitoches donated gift bags to the luncheon. Amanda Craine spoke about her duties of being the current Miss Lady of the Bracelet and how it changed her life.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to show others that pageants are a good thing," Terria Alexander, director of Lady of the Bracelet, said.

The young girls were given a chance to meet with each contestant and get an autograph.

"I enjoyed meeting everyone and it was a lot of fun," Fahren Demery, a student at Fairview Elementary in Campti, said.

2003 LOB roster

Ashley Dunham	Andrea Pang
Lacey Fletcher	Sarah Jessica Rhodes
LaSonna Frierson	Alicia Schulz
Charlene Gifford	Jessica Thompson
Danielle Gourgues	Tracey Tousek
Jessica Marasco	Kelli Walker
Lauren O Kelly	Ashley Williams

LPO presents: *This New, Immense, Unbounded World*

By Candace Pauley
Sauce Reporter

The Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO) honored Northwestern State University and the city of Natchitoches with a performance on Jan. 31 at 7p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The orchestra's director, Robert Kapilow, has collaborated with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and nine Louisiana cities to bring his piece "'03: This New, Immense, Unbounded World" to the people of the state it celebrates.

The tour was commissioned to be a celebration of the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial which served as the inspiration for the piece. Kapilow wrote the piece after researching Louisiana's culture and its diverse ethnic backgrounds.

The orchestra's schedule has them playing in nine cities across the state of Louisiana, including Ruston, Lake Charles and Natchitoches.

"I think we're the logical place to come," Bill Brent, band director for Northwestern State, said. "We're the original settlement."

Kapilow's piece does not only involve an orchestra, but a choir as well. Brent said Kapilow chose Northwestern State because it has both the facilities and the caliber of performers needed to do this piece well.

The LPO is the only musician-owned orchestra in the country. This is their first tour in the 12 years since they were founded.

Photo by Candace Pauley
The Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra performed Jan. 31 in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Calender of Events:

Feb. 6- Rhoyal Divastation, Illuminations; Three Color Portrait, $3 cover, 10:30 p.m. Yesterdays
Feb. 7- Lady of the Bracelet, 7:30 p.m. A.A. Fredericks Auditorium; 80s night, Yesterdays, $5 cover
Feb. 8- *Current Sauce* Blind Date; Penny Draft and Penny Wells, The Body
Feb. 9- Church, Church
Feb. 10- Are you hungry? 7 p.m., Ballroom
Feb. 11- College Night, Parkway Cinema, $4 with NSU I.D.
Feb. 12- Caricatures, 11 a.m.-3p.m., SAB
Feb. 13- Service Learning Event, 3-5 p.m., SAB

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:
Student wins state piano competition

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Jane Truksa will compete in the MTNA National Finals after winning the state competition in Baton Rouge.

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

Jane Truksa, a music performance major at Northwestern State University, won the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Divisional Collegiate Piano Competition held recently at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

Truksa will be one of five competitors in the MTNA National Finals in Salt Lake City in March. She advanced to the regional competition against pianists from Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma after winning the state competition in Baton Rouge.

"I did everything I could and played well," said Truksa, who is from Riga, Latvia. "I was pleased because other people appreciated what I did. There were many outstanding pianists in the competition, some from Russia and Korea. The competition was very strong. I did not expect to win. It was amazing."

Contestants played a grueling 90-minute program without a break.

Truksa performed works by Prokofiev, Beethoven, Schumann and a transcription of Bach by Liszt.

"All of the works were different styles," Truksa said. "The Prokokiev was contemporary while the Schumann was romantic. The work by Beethoven was classical and the transcription was baroque with a lot of romantic elements. I was able to switch styles very quickly."

Truksa is a student of NSU assistant professor of piano Nikita Fitenko.

"It has been outstanding working with him," she said. "He is a very good professor. Not all good pianists are good teachers. He works with several international students who are pianists and each of us are different."

According to Truksa, the MTNA competition has been helpful to her.

"It was good to see so many outstanding pianists and to compare," she said. "Hearing so many good pianists drove me. It was a good test for me to have to play for more than one hour. It was very demanding, but I thought I could handle it."

Although Truksa was pleased to win, she did not measure her success by where she placed.

"If I go into a competition with an idea to win, I would not feel right about it," Truksa said. "I enjoy musical performances. It is what I do. I share that with people, so winning is not my main goal."

Weekly Horoscope

Courtesy of KRT Campus

■ **Aries (March 21-April 20)**
Family relationships are demanding this week. Many Aries natives are preparing to make subtle, but important, changes in home relations, family roles or living arrangements. New proposals will trigger several weeks of positive gains in intimate and long-term relationships.

■ **Taurus (April 21-May 20)**
Before midweek, respond quickly to new office information. Bosses and fellow workers may soon correct misleading statements or workplace procedures.

■ **Gemini (May 21-June 21)**
This week, business arrangements will work in your favor. Early Tuesday, pay close attention to subtle communications from bosses or partners. Many Geminis are well positioned to be welcomed into an inner circle of business associates. Later this week, new romantic attractions will be difficult to avoid.

■ **Cancer (June 22-July 22)**
Romance and friendship may involve subtle politics this week. Late Tuesday, expect loved ones to be moody or to openly compete for your attention.

■ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**
Friends and lovers will require extra emotional attention this week. Monday through Wednesday, expect loved ones to be quietly reflective or self-absorbed. Allow friends and lovers extra time to work through difficult emotions.

■ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
A friendship or subtle flirtation may turn romantic this week. In the coming weeks, many Virgos will gently expand their social and romantic commitments. Already attached Virgos can expect to find greater intimacy and sensuality in love relationships.

■ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**
Co-workers and business partners may request quick information or last-minute changes. Areas of concern are ongoing contracts, traditional business methods or long-standing agreements.

■ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**
Over the next few days, it may become obvious that a business or family relationship will not improve. Many Scorpios will slowly bring new methods of business or emotional support into their lives.

■ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
Early this week, a boss or business official may reverse a recent decision or introduce an unexpected policy. Areas of concern may involve property management, financial lending, budgets or records of spending.

■ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)**
Long-term romance will experience a compelling phase of open discussion. For many Capricorns, honest expression will bring meaningful improvement to all key relationships.

■ **Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**
Employment relations or small financial details are easily clarified. Over the next few days, expect the past actions of a colleague or official to help resolve present disputes. Areas affected are wage discussions, payment practices or long-term company policy.

■ **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)**
This week, yesterday's social or romantic statements may be openly debated. Trust your instincts and watch your own behavior for valuable clues. Over the next few days, public reactions will directly reflect private intentions.

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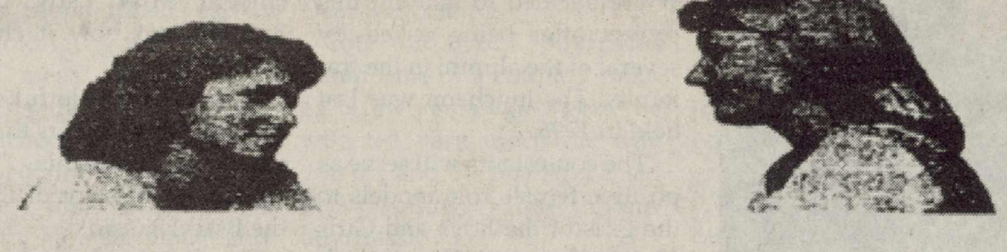

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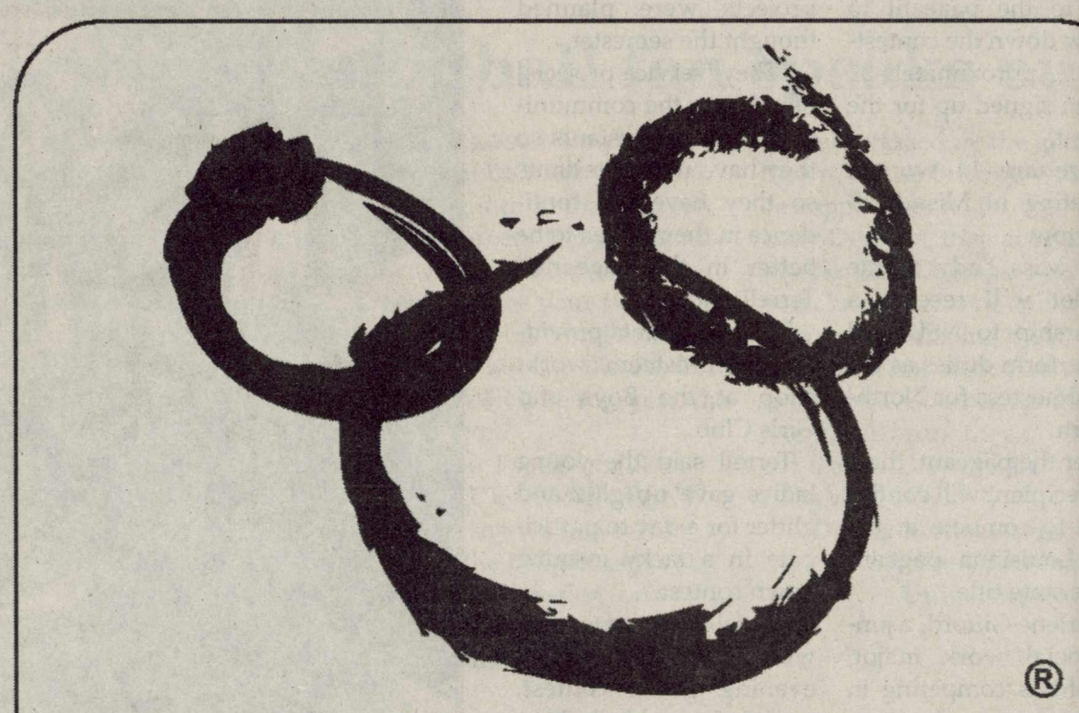

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SPORTS

Demons fall to SFA, look to road games for hope

By Cooda Dobin & Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Southland Conference leading Stephen F. Austin (14-3, 10-0 SLC) beat the Northwestern State Demons (3-14, 3-7) 71-59 at Prather Coliseum on Saturday.

After leading in spurts throughout the first half the Demons went into halftime 30-26.

There were 10 ties and 12 lead changes in the game before SFA took the lead and never looked back after making a 5-0 run in 40 seconds.

With less than five minutes left NSU went down by 10 but put on a scoring clinic with Jermaine Wallace and Clifton Lee each scoring four to bring NSU back 61-57 with 2:04 remaining.

SFA landed 10 straight free throws in the final minute to open up the game as the Demons hit one of its last seven shots.

"We competed hard Saturday and played hard, but we have to get over that hump and win basketball games," head coach Mike McConathy said.

> *"He has the knowledge and sense about basketball to make good decisions..."*
>
> **Mike McConathy**
> **NSU head coach**
> -about Jermaine Spencer's absence

Wallace led NSU in the scoring department with 18 while Byron Allen and Lee each racked up 14.

The Demons lost starting forward Jermaine Spencer due to a concussion after he had seven rebounds and two blocks in 15 minutes of action. Spencer is doubtful for the game today.

"Jermaine Spencer is out for the rest of the week," McConathy said. "We will miss him in the lineup, I like our line-up of Spencer, Allen and Lee."

"He is very important," McConathy said. "He has the knowledge and sense about basketball to make good decisions."

Jan. 31, the Demons lost a tough home game against Texas-Arlington 75-66. The Mavericks used steady shooting sinking 48 percent of its shots while Northwestern hit 37 percent while hitting 13 of 48 shots.

A bright spot for the Demons was the shooting by Lee who scored 13 points and nine rebounds on 5 of 12 shooting, and Wallace with a season-high 27 points. Northwestern's remaining players were 8 of 36 on the night.

NSU best surge came on a fast break opportunity when Wallace hit a lay-up off a pass from Lee and Tim Van dunked off a lob pass from Tyronn Mitchell.

The Demons hope to break a four game losing skid on the road at Texas San Antonio on Thursday and Southwest Texas on Saturday. NSU plays at home again on Feb. 13 against McNeese.

"I feel like we can compete on this road trip and keep progressing and getting better," McConathy said.

Correction

In last weeks issue of the *Current Sauce*, Patrick West mixed up a name in his NSU tennis team article. He incorrectly spelled Katy Wallace's name, Katy Price.

West offers his apologies to Wallace and wishes the Lady Demon tennis team good luck in this weekends season opener.

NSU athletes excel at Bayou meet

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Over the past week the NSU track team had a more than productive week, especially sophomore Terry Gatson.

While helping the team gain two honors at this week's Bayou Bengal Indoor Track and Field Meet, Gatson was named this week's Southland Conference Male Athlete of the Week.

Gatson ran a provisional qualifying time of 47.29 winning the 400 and qualifying for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Gatson also helped the Demon 4x400 relay team finish second in the meet.

"Gatson's performance was outstanding," Head Track Coach Leon Johnson said.

However, that is not all that he will have to do to qualify. Johnson said that Gatson still has to be in the nation's top 14 400-meter runners to make it to the National Championships.

Although both teams lost to an unattached team, the Demon's first foursome of 4x400 runners finished with a time of 3:19.45 while the second ran in 3:21.56.

Also competing in this week's competition was Jacqueline Canton who won the women's high jump with a 5 feet 7 1/4 inches jump topping the season's best.

With such a jump many would be happy at their performance, but Johnson said that Canton was not satisfied, saying at 5 foot 11 inches she could do much better.

Freshman Marcus Pitre ran a 49.46 placing fourth in the men's 400 meter race. Following closely behind was seventh place Justin Wolfe who ran a time of 49.84.

In the women's 60-meter hurdles Brittany Littlejohn finished 0.09 seconds short of the NCAA provisional qualifying time with her time of 8.52. Littlejohn finished in third place with Tameisha Miller finishing sixth running in 8.87.

"It's been a good week of work," Johnson said. "Hopefully we will continue to improve."

Next Saturday the Demons will travel to Houston, Texas, to compete in the Houston Invitational in the University of Houston's Bill Yeoman Fieldhouse.

NSU soccer inks seven players

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State head soccer coach Jimmy Mitchell announced Wednesday the signing of seven athletes to National Letters of Intent to play for the Demons in 2003.

"We knew going into the recruiting season that we needed to increase our athleticism as a team. Being in the NCAA Tournament and playing against Texas A&M solidified the need for us to become more athletic so we can be more competitive at the national level."

Kaitlin Bowman, a defender from Santa Rosa, Calif., is a three-time all-league performer and a two-time NCS champion at Ursuline High School.

A goalkeeper from Arlington, Texas, Krystal Donaldson is a three-time all-district and all-area selection at Arlington High School. Donaldson was a member of the North Texas ODP program from 1998-2000 and was an ODP Regional Subpool member in 1998-1999.

Transferring from the University of Detroit Mercy, Amy Hester will bring some college experience to Northwestern. The Davison, MI, native, was a two-year starter at Detroit Mercy and scored three goals and had two assists during the 2001 season.

Marliese Latiolais, a forward from Lafayette's Acadiana High School, is a two-time four-time all-district selection and has scored 88 goals and handed out 40 assists during her high school career.

Prepping at Powers Catholic High School in Grand Blanc, MI, Stacy Miller is a three-time all-district selection, a two-time all-region performer and was named honorable mention all-state. She is a member of the Ann Arbor Arsenal Soccer Club.

The other Louisiana native is midfielder Natalie Waguespack, from Baton Rouge. While at Redemptorist High School, Waguespack was a three-time all-district selection and was named first team all-metro and all-state.

Rounding out the 2003 class is midfielder Mya Walsh, a native of Norcross, Georgia. Walsh was a two-year letterwinner at Meadowcreek High School and is a member of the Norcross Soccer Association.

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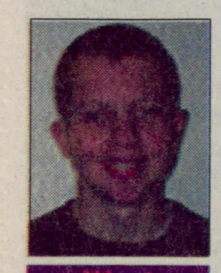

Wow! What a weekend in sports. The fun started Saturday evening at Prather Coliseum when the Lady Demons whupped their nemesis Stephen F. Austin within an inch of their lives 94-74. NSU and SFA fans went back and forth in a wave of cheers and taunts adding to the electrifying atmosphere. If you were not there Saturday, then you missed a hell of a game.

The Lady Demons were in top form and if they play this way for the rest of the season, watch out. I see them taking the SLC championship, but I am not celebrating yet.

NSU has some tough road games coming at the end of the season, which includes an interesting rematch at Stephen F. Austin.

Up next on the fun-filled weekend in sports was No. 1 Duke against No. 2 UConn. I admit I am a Lady Husky fan and was thrilled when they easily won, like our ladies. My secret crush Diana Taurasi led UConn to the upset win 77-65. The Lady Huskies streak is now 59 straight games without a loss. It is simply amazing to have a win streak of that magnitude, words cannot describe.

On Sunday there was an All Star game and a Pro Bowl. I am not going to talk about the Pro Bowl because I think the NFL stars are a bunch of babies, who back out of a game where there is hardly any hitting.

I am sorry if you could not make it because your thumb is hurting from flipping through the channels so much in your mansion. Get over it. Get to Hawaii. Play ball. Enough said.

Now on to a group that knows how to play an All Star game, the NHL. The young NHL stars stole the show, as Dany Heatley and Marian Hossa of Ottawa played an excellent. The East and West skated to a 5-5 tie that went into overtime.

The saves in overtime by Marty Turco and Patrick Lalime were magnificent. The game then proceeded to go into a shootout after overtime. The West finally won the game over the East 6-5.

The All Star game had such an impact with the first ever shootout that NHL might put into effect a shootout after the first overtime in regular season games. I personally believe this could get more fans involved. Great job NHL, the other big leagues like NBA and MLB could learn something from this.

Sorry I did not get to cover the over hyped LeBron James who was suspended from high school basketball. I will rant on him next week. What an idiot. The NSU Demons now have lost four straight games but are improving. They still just cannot get into that 'W' column yet. Keep at it and keep trying. Your break will come soon; I hope.

Softball, baseball and tennis start their seasons this weekend, so go and check them out. Remember, you never know what will happen.

By Amanda Breaux
The NSU Inline Hockey Club is the only collegiate organization of its kind in the state of Louisiana.

What the PUCK?
NSU gets the next best thing to hockey

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Photo by Amanda Breaux
Inline hockey team practicing in Prather Coliseum.

Northwestern State University has the only collegiate inline hockey team in Louisiana.

The inline hockey team became a recognized organization in the fall of 2001.

"I played hockey during high school, and I wanted to continue during college," Alan Sypert, inline hockey team president, said.

The game of inline hockey is a lot like ice hockey, except with roller skates. Inline hockey is played on a plastic, synthetic surface, like the floor of the volleyball court in Prather Coliseum.

The object of the game is to score the most goals in the net. Each game is divided into three 10-minute periods.

"Roller hockey takes a lot of skill, such as skating and stick handling," Sypert said. "And if you can work it up that's good."

The 20 game season begins in October and runs through March.

During the season, the team travels to many cities in Texas such as Arlington, Houston and Denton. The inline hockey team plays against Stephen F. Austin and Texas Christian University.

"We can't have a game on campus because of the lack of facilities," Keith Perry, captain of the inline hockey team, said.

With 11 men on the team, Tiffany Swingler, the only female member, finds it to be very challenging.

"They treat me the same, as equal as they possibly can," Swingler said. "They are fun guys and extra cool."

Recruiting for the team is done during freshman connection and in cities such as Lafayette, Shreveport, and Tyler, Texas.

The team is funded by the SGA and holds several fundraiser activities.

"If it wasn't for the SGA, we wouldn't have this," Sypert said.

The team practices twice a week in Prather Coliseum. The times and dates vary because of basketball season.

"Everyone is welcome to come to the practices," Sypert said. "Even if you don't want to play, there are several positions available for anyone to help us."

The team heads to the All-Star tournament in Houston this weekend.

They will begin play with Abilene Christian University at 10 a.m.

The All-Star skill competition will begin at 5 p.m. This competition will allow each team to show off their skills. The All-Star game will follow at 7 p.m.

The team will play against Stephen F. Austin at 1 p.m. for a miniature picture of Chief Caddo.

"The head of the Stephen F. Austin team and I thought it would be a lot of fun to come up with the miniature picture for the team," Sypert said.

The weekend will end on Sunday with a game against LeTournean University of Longview, Texas at 4 p.m.

For more information on the NSU inline hockey team e-mail nsuihc@hotmail.com or visit www.schl.org.

Ladies chop down SFA

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

A hostile crowd of 2,691 watched as the Lady Demons dominated and dismantled the Lady Lumberjacks 94-74 on Saturday at Prather Coliseum.

"SFA is one of those rivals we want to smash when we play them," senior point guard Anna Means said.

The big win catapults Northwestern (11-6 overall, 8-2 SLC) to a first place tie with Stephen F. Austin (8-9, 8-2). The Lady Demons started hot hitting their first 8 out of 10 shots in the first five minutes putting them ahead 17-4. NSU never looked back as the Lady Lumberjacks were able to cut the lead to nine points throughout the entire game.

"Exciting, big win against SFA," Assistant Coach Kia Converse said. "We started off playing hard and were able to maintain it throughout the game."

La'Terrica Dobin led the Lady Demons with 25 points and 12 assist shooting 9 of 16 from the floor and 7 of 9 from the charity stripe. Angela Davidson chipped in 19 points with Diamond Cosby contributing 15 off the bench. Jamie Callais had 11 points as NSU shot 51 percent for the game.

"This game was unbelievable and we came out ready to play," senior forward Jamie Callais said. "Everything was clicking, it felt wonderful tonight."

The Lady Demons shot 54 percent in the second half and ran off eight straight points to help them put away their arch rivals. SFA has lost four consecutive years now at Prather Coliseum. The Ladyjacks lost last year 67-42, still the largest losing margin in SLC history for the SFA.

The crowd was the fourth largest in Lady Demon history at home.

"The crowd was great, loud and enthusiastic. We could not have won this game without their support," Means said.

Thursday, January 31, Northwestern won a close, gritty game 63-59 over Texas-Arlington in a key SLC match up. The win gave the Lady Demons sole possession of second place setting up the tie for first on Saturday.

Amanda Bennett hit the winning 10-foot jumper with 1:15 to go. Then Bennett made a huge steal with 15 seconds left which sealed the victory for Northwestern.

In a close game that saw 14 ties and 16 lead changes, Northwestern never relinquished the lead in the final 3:11 of the game. Davidson led NSU with 13 points followed by Cosby with 11. Dobin had 13 assists including two-clutch assist in the final minutes to play.

Northwestern will try to maintain its winning momentum on the road next week at Texas-San Antonio and Southwest Texas State. The next home game will be Feb. 13 against McNeese.

"The big wins at home hopefully set the tone for this tough road trip," Means said.

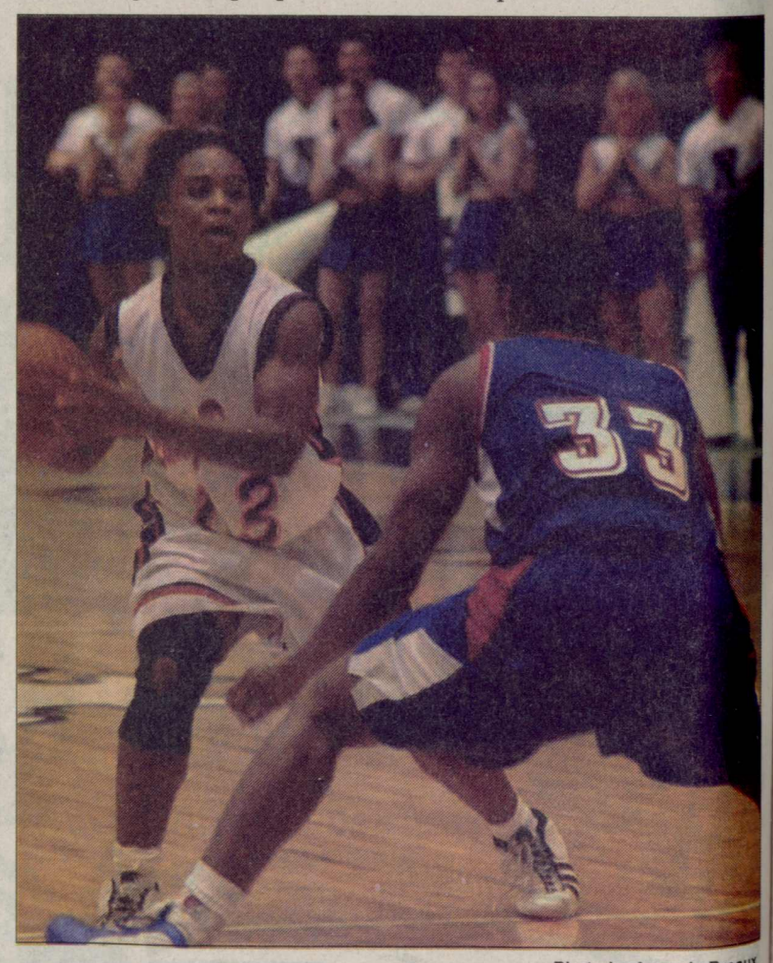

Photo by Amanda Breaux
La'Terrica Dobin was named the SLC Player of the Week for her work in last weekend's game against the Lady Lumberjacks.

Demon football signs 24 fresh recruits

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

After eight months of making phone calls and visits and watching game footage, the NSU Demon football team finished off the 2002-2003 recruiting season yesterday.

"We kind of got carried away," head coach Scott Stoker said of the large number of recruits.

As of 4 p.m. yesterday the Demons successfully signed 24 high school football players to next season's team from Tatum, Texas to Monroe, La.

Although Stoker said this was the first season that the Demons were able to push recruiting in east Texas, he said he is very happy with the success of recruiting in that area. A majority of the new recruits hale from east Texas pulling in half of those who signed.

Stoker attributed much of the east Texas publicity to the three of last season's games being aired on Fox Sports Net.

"I told them 'Notre Dame's got NBC, Northwestern's got Fox,'" Stoker said. "They've got a 10 million dollar contract, our is about 10 dollars."

Along with the television publicity, Stoker also gives credit to his staff and the NSU faculty and students for representing NSU well. Newly recruited quarterback Connor Morel proved this saying that the students he met made him feel comfortable being here.

"I noticed that even if no one knew you, they would still come up and talk to you," Morel said.

Morel, a senior at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, Louisiana, is one of two quarterbacks signed today. Making a possible total of five quarterbacks in competition for next season's starting position.

Though this will start a lot of competition between the current quarterbacks, Stoker said that it all depends on spring training.

"We've only got three quarterbacks going through spring practice," Stoker said. "If we think they can get the job done, fine. If not, we're going to have to find somebody else."

Another possible problem with the new recruits is academic eligibility. At least three of them will need to bring up their grade point averages in order to ensure eligibility including wide receiver Derrick Doyle.

Although Doyle's highlight film stood out amongst wide receivers, he was forced to sit out last season at Wossman High School in Monroe, La., because of low grades.

Recruiting Coordinator Darren Drago said that prospects are made aware of their being recruited long before signing in order to allow them time to bring their grades up if needed.

"After we let them know, it's all up to them," Drago said.

Regardless of the problems that may arise, many of the new recruits have made most valuable player and All-State honors.

Also a few of them are coming to NSU with big goals in mind.

New recruit, Chris Cancienne of St. Charles High School in LaPlace, La., is planning on using his 25 on the ACT to help him get into medical school.

All in all, it seems as if the recruits are ready for the jump from high school to college.

"I'm really just ready to play and have fun," newly signed defensive back Chris Miller said.

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SGA looking to bring sex host to NSU

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

Mindy McConnell, chairwoman of Academic Affairs, announced Monday that she was in the process of securing popular sex show host Sue Johanson as next semester's public speaker.

Johanson has received a lot of attention recently since the Oxygen network has begun playing reruns of her popular Canadian broadcast "The Sunday Night Sex Show."

McConnell feels that this newfound popularity makes her the perfect choice to draw a large crowd.

"Some people on the SGA wanted a politician but I didn't think the students would attend," McConnell said.

Johanson's fee would be $10,000 plus travel expenses. Though this exceeds the amount set aside each semester for a speaker, the price should not be a problem since NSU has not had a speaker in three semesters.

The rollover from these unused funds comes to around $15,000, according to McConnell.

Also being worked upon by Academic Affairs is a general honor code for NSU. McConnell says that pressure for such a code has been coming from many faculty members.

The first meeting to flesh out the code was Wednesday, and little is known about what the end result will look like. Also unclear is exactly how much power it will have over the students.

"It might be a formality. Hopefully it will have an impact, but I don't really know how the students are

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Sampite new Physical Plant director

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Chris Sampite, Northwestern's new Physical Plant director, is a lifelong resident of Natchitoches with a degree in business administration from NSU. In July 2002, Sampite replaced the retiring Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey.

Now as Physical Plant director, Sampite's responsibilities are to oversee all maintenance and renovation projects and all accounting practices that involve the Physical Plant, such as utilities and new construction projects on campus. However, there have been few of these projects recently.

"Because of state funds we don't see much new construction," Sampite said.

Another duty of Sampite's position is working with the

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See *Sampite to work for more...*

In 2000, an external audit's fumble caused the traditional bracelet—with its scholarship and Miss Louisiana pageant bid—to be mistakenly awarded.

This year, the same thing happened.

Should the Lady of the Bracelet pageant change its name to the

Lady of the AUDIT?

Photo by Gary Hardamon/Photo illustration by Garrett Guillotte

What was and what could have been: This altered photograph of 2003 Lady of the Bracelet contestants Alicia Schulz (left) and Lacey Fletcher hints at what might have been had accounting miscues not mistakenly made Schulz the pageant's winner Friday and Fletcher its third runner-up. On Wednesday, University officials awarded Fletcher the title of Miss Lady of the Bracelet and said they would pay all of the pageant's scholarship winners their promised awards.

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

For the second time in three years, the results of the Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet Pageant have been changed due to an auditing error.

Friday night, junior theater major Alicia Shulz was crowned the winner, but early Wednesday morning Student Activities Board officials learned of a mistake in the final tally that made second runner-up Lacey Fletcher the winner.

Initial first runner-up Ashley Dunham was moved to second runner-up after the decision.

"It was a human error," Assistant Director of Student Activities Teria Alexander said. "We're not pointing any fingers."

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For more on 2003 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Lacey Fletcher, ***see page 5.***

Contestants are scored in the manner designated by the Miss America Pageant organization, of which the LOB is a preliminary event. The miscalculation resulted from an omission of Fletcher's scores in the interview competition.

The scores of the five separate competitive categories are compiled in the following manner: 40 percent of the final score is awarded for their place in the interview competition. Thirty percent of the final score is accumulated by the results of the talent competition. The remaining 60 percent is divided evenly among the evening gown, personal platform and swimsuit competitions.

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Faculty choose overlooked black figures in American history

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois and Jesse Jackson are just a few black Americans that have made contributions to society but are not well known.

"Frederick Douglass was a black abolitionist who had a great role prior to the civil war and after the civil war," Marietta Lebreton, professor of history, said. "He also left an autobiography of his life."

Douglass was a writer and leading figure in the abolitionist movement. He wrote the publication *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*. This book revealed his master's identity, and Douglass took refuge in England where he was helped by sympathetic liberals to buy his freedom.

Douglass lectured throughout the United States and England on the brutality and immorality of slavery. As a publisher his *North Star* and *Frederick Douglass' Paper* brought news of the anti-slavery movement to thousands.

He helped recruit black American troops for the Union army, and his personal relationship with Lincoln helped persuade the president to make emancipation a cause of the American Civil War.

W.E.B. Du Bois was the founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was a black American historian, writer and sociologist.

Du Bois is the founder of the Niagara Movement, a group of black American leaders committed to an active struggle for racial equality.

Du Bois wrote *The Philadelphia Negro* in 1899, which was the first sociologist study of black Americans. Du Bois also wrote *The Souls of Black Folk* in 1903, which took a forceful stand against Booker T. Washington's policy of accommodation, calling instead for "ceaseless agitation and insistent demand for equality," and the "use of force of every sort: mortal suasion, propaganda and where possible even physical resistance."

"W.E.B. Du Bois has written lots of books and participated in the civil rights movement," said V. Elaine Thompson, assistant professor of history. "Though he is well regarded, he is not studied enough."

"Even though his popularity has decreased lately, Jesse Jackson has had a great impact on the civil rights movement, the United States and the world," said John Winston, vice-president for University affairs.

Jesse Jackson, a civil rights leader, worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization founded by Martin Luther King Jr. In 1966, Jackson helped to found the Chicago branch of Operation Breadbasket, which was the economic launch of the SCLC.

After his suspension from the SCLC, Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), an organization that essentially continued the work of Operation Breadbasket without SCLC's sponsorship.

In 1984, Jackson devoted his time between working for Operation PUSH in Chicago and his new National Rainbow Coalition in Washington, D.C. This national coalition was designed to be a force for reform within the Democratic Party and a platform for Jackson to mount his 1988 presidential bid.

For more information on other black Americans, go to www.infoplease.com or www.pbs.org.

BLACK history month

Black History Event Calendar

Sunday—6 p.m. 13th Annual Women Program, Ramada Inn. Featuring Claudine James of Houston, Tx. $4 fee.

Feb. 22—Black Heritage Committee's First Black History Program Parade, Ben Johnson Park
1:30 p.m. Live entertainment and refreshments. For more information, call 352-6129.

Feb. 24—7 p.m. Black History Program sponsored by Helping Hands in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
69°/59°	72°/45°	56°/45°
60% chance of rain	60% chance of rain	20% chance of rain

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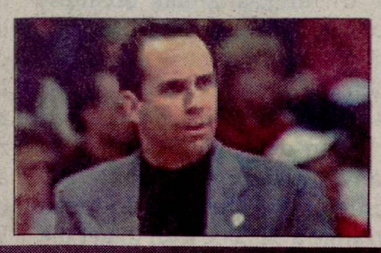

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Fletcher wins LOB crown after audit mistake; Shulz, Dunham to be awarded scholarships

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A panel of five judges then awards scores to the contestants on a scale of one to ten. The highest and lowest scores are then eliminated and the median, or average scores are totaled together for the contestant's final score.

In Fletcher's case, her median scores in the interview competition were not totaled in the composite score. When those points were included with the rest of her scores she received enough of a point increase to earn her the title of winner.

First place includes the title of LOB, which will make her NSU's official pageant representative. In addition to those awards, she also receives a $5,500 scholarship contributed in part by NSU's financial aid office, Barnes & Noble, Aramark and the SAB.

The first runner-up receives a $2,500 scholarship.

SAB officials would not comment on whether Schultz would be fully compensated for the remainder of the money she had been awarded prior to Wednesday's findings.

Further complicating the matter is the issue of Dunham's award, as she was initially awarded the first runner-up scholarship.

Although he could not specify where the money would come from SAB director Carl Henry said that the SAB will "make good" on all of the prizes promised to each contestant.

> *"I don't think the first time they messed up they should have been allowed to do it again...Twice in five years—I think they should be out of the question."*
>
> **—Alicia Shulz**
> Lady of the Bracelet first runner-up
> About the accountants that audited the pageant

The Miss Louisiana organization, the preliminary Miss America pageant, could not be reached for comment .

A similar mistake occurred in the 2000 LOB pageant when the winner and first runner-up were announced as Amber Rhyne and Sabrina Plaisance.

In that case, Rhyne was announced as the winner only to be told three weeks later, that, as a result of a scoring mistake, Plaisance was the winner.

In compliance with Miss America guidelines, an independent auditing firm is responsible for counting the pageant's final scores.

Hines, Jackson and Hines, a Natchitoches law and accounting firm, volunteered to conducted the LOB vote count for both the 2000 and 2003 LOB pageants, but would not comment to the *Current Sauce*.

SAB director Carl Henry said that the SAB has no intentions to discontinue the services of HJ&H.

"Hines, Jackson and Hines has been in free service to the University for over 20 years," Henry said. "They are outstanding people. They're really nice to us."

Henry then reaffirmed Alexander's previous comments.

"It's just a human error. We make mistakes everyday; it's just something that we have to correct," Henry said. "We teach our students in student activities that you should have ethical behavior and that you should have integrity. All of us in SAB believe that and preach that," Henry said.

Henry said the SAB is trying its best to console Shulz.

"Alicia will be fine. She's going to be upset for a while but who wouldn't be?" Henry added, "We're going to do something in SAB to help her out. It's just going to take some time and support."

For Shulz though the situation is not yet a healed scar of a hard-learned life lesson, but rather a freshly opened wound.

"I felt like it was too good to be true, but I guess anyone feels that. When they told me it was like, 'Of course, of course this was going to happen,'" Shulz said. "I wasn't even shocked or surprised," Shulz said. "Bad stuff like this happens all the time."

Shulz also said that she does not hold a grudge against Flecther or the SAB but thinks HJ&H should not be allowed to continue auditing the score sheets for the pageant.

"I don't think the first time they messed up they should have been allowed to do it again," Shulz said. "If they're handling people's taxes I would be scared to bring these people anything that concerned my money.

"We're dealing with whole numbers, not decimals, simple addition, multiplication and division," Shulz said. "I certainly hope that they are never used again.

"Once every 20 years sucks. Twice in five years—I think they should be out of the question."

Ironically, Shulz had known Rhyne her freshman year at NSU.

"It was funny because I told Mr. Henry, 'Make sure that they don't come back and tell me that I didn't win,' but I was just joking. I didn't think the auditors could screw up twice," Shulz said.

Fighting back tears, Shulz then said, "Sometimes it's your day and sometimes it's not. I guess I thought it was my day."

Sampite to work for more 'proactive' maintenance

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Office of Facility Planning Control, a state agency in Baton Rouge.

"We request funds to do major renovations such as Morrison Hall which is currently under renovation, as well as the project that is upcoming, the Student Activities Center," Sampite said. "Although it is a student funded project, the project design and supervision of the construction goes through the Physical Plant and the Facility Planning Control Office."

> *"...We want to be more proactive and try to avoid maintenance problems and safety issues down the road."*
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> **—Chris Sampite**
> *Physical Plant Director*

According to Sampite, the next projects that the Physical Plant is requesting funding for are the renovations of Williamson Hall and East and West Caspari Halls.

The Physical Plant is also working to improve its maintenance program.

"Instead of addressing things on a reactive basis we want to be more proactive and try to avoid maintenance problems and safety issues down the road," Sampite said.

Before Sampite was Physical Plant director, he worked in the housing department as a resident hall director at Rapides Hall from 1992-1994, as associate director of the athletic department from 1998-1999 and as the Physical Plant's director of plant services.

SGA keeps focus on internal affairs

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going to feel about it," McConnell said.

McConnell's report was the only business Monday that affected the students directly.

Other matters of business were an approved bill to remove senators who do not keep adequate office hours without a vote by the senate and a defeated bill to lower the course requirements to run for president and vice president from 45 hours over three semesters to the minimum 36 hours over three semesters.

The senate also approved the appointment of three new senators to help bolster their flagging numbers.

Carl Henry, faculty advisor to the SGA, expressed concern about the senate's inaction. He reminded them that they were there to represent the student body and to make a difference in their lives.

He closed the meeting by challenging each senator to write one piece of legislation that would have a direct impact upon the lives of NSU students by the end of the semester.

NSU students look to open Natchitoches' first cyber café

By Andrew David and Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporters

With the help of NSU's Small Business Development Center, two students are planning to open up Natchitoches' first-ever cyber café at the beginning of March.

Sophomore Christopher Johnson and freshman Dave Ammons are aiming Eclipse Gaming Incorporated at high school juniors and seniors as well as incoming college freshmen. Eclipse will feature five Microsoft X-BOX gaming systems, three Sony Playstation 2s, and two Nintendo Gamecubes and 10 new Dell PC's connected to high-speed Internet connections.

Gaming fans will be able to play popular games such as "Quake IV," "Myst," "Counterstrike," "Halo II," "Super Smash Bros. 2," "Rainbow Six" and "EA Sports' Madden 2003."

Johnson thinks that high school and college students will pay about $5 an hour to come and play on the gaming systems and PCs.

"You have a larger opportunity to meet a larger group of people that have the same interests as you do," Johnson said. "It's an opportunity for you to build a relationship with other people that you might've not even known exist.

"The environment is totally different when you're just at home as opposed to being at a fun-filled, really advanced technical place," Johnson said. "You might even find the person of your dreams there."

Johnson is making his dream of owning a small business come true thanks to the help of the Small Business Development Center. The center did market research and helped Johnson determine if the company could turn a profit. The center also helped Johnson arrange a $25,000 loan to get the doors open.

Johnson is also being sponsored by IGAMES.org which hosts first-person shooter tournaments across the country. A team from Natchitoches would face off against teams playing in cities like Seattle and New York, where cyber cafés are popular.

Johnson said he plans to have the café open 16 hours on most days and will be open until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Johnson said he thinks Eclipse will be another fun thing to do in Natchitoches giving teenagers a safe place to spend time.

Eclipse is already planning on giving back to the Natchitoches community by buying all of its equipment, except for the Dell computers and cable wire, from local businesses. Johnson hopes to expand Eclipse to incorporate website design, professional desktop publishing, and computer classes for the public. Eclipse will be located on 726 Third Street.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Students In Free Enterprise
The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Spanish Club
The Spanish Club will meet on Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. in Room 341 of Kyser Hall. There will be a talk about Venezuela and Colombia. Also, raffle tickets and money, dues ($5/year), and T-shirt money ($12) is due on March 12. For more information, see your class representative or contact Comfort Pratt in office 314K (357-5590).

Black History Month
There will be a Black History Month program Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the A. A. Fredericks auditorium.

Phi Mu (ΦM)
"Canines on the Cane" K-9 Parade—Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. on the Cane River Lake.

"Oldies but Goodies" Rock-A-Thon—Help ΦM sponsor Children's Miracle Network in front of Wal-Mart from 2-6 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Freshman Factor
Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

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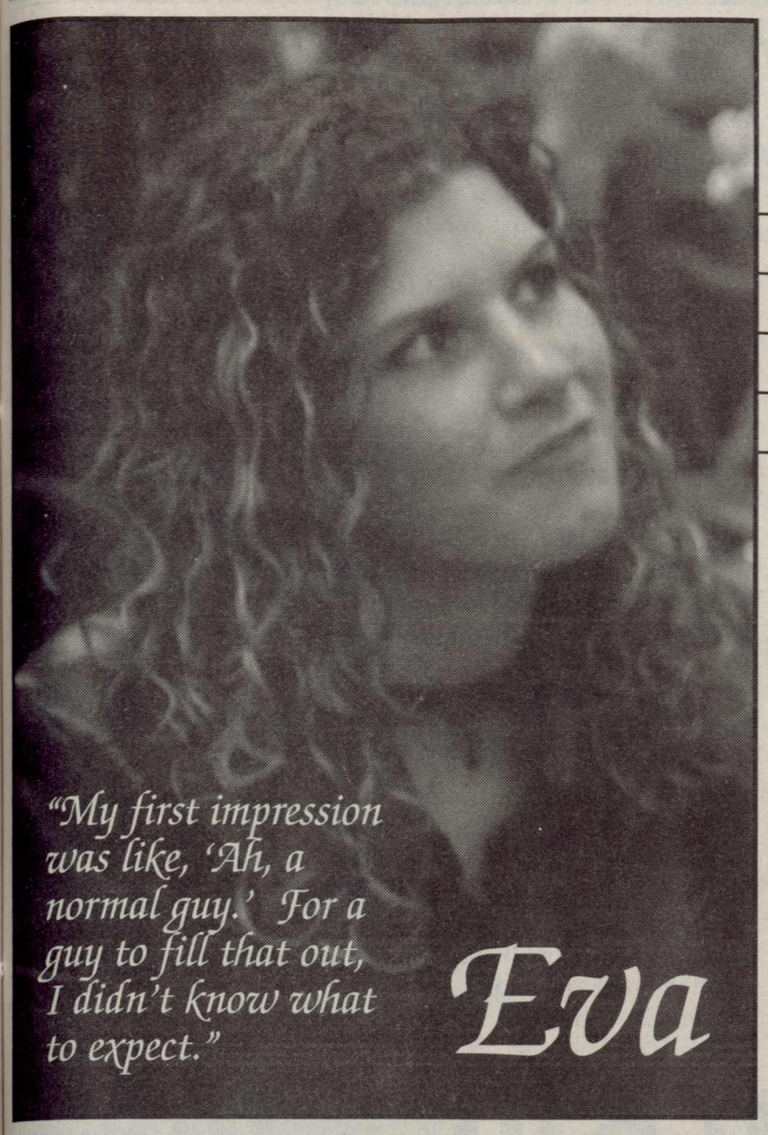

The Current Sauce presents a Blind Date

where

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spent, at our expense,

a night on the town

and found out if they really could

hit it off...

Story and photos by real-life couple
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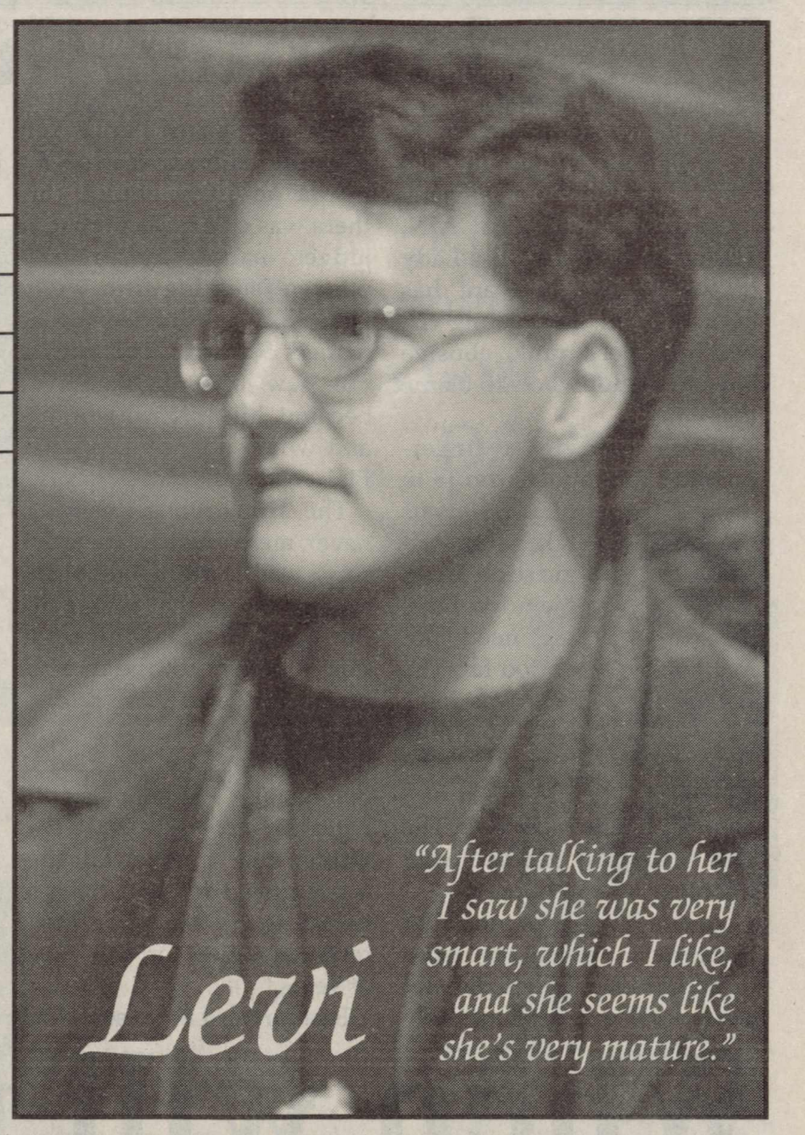


The winners of the *Current Sauce* blind date contest met for the first time Saturday night. Though the applicants were few, we at the *Current Sauce* were able to find two brave souls who were willing to let us set them up with a complete stranger, and then follow them around all evening to observe every minute of their date.

The woman winner was Eva Sterling, a freshman who was very active in the Student Activities Board her first semester. She filled out her application to prove to her co-workers at the Student Union that the contest was not such a big deal.

Her lucky date was Levi Petree, a prominent student in the theatre department. He confessed that he only filled out the application "to burn time" while waiting in the journalism department.

The two were told to meet at Simpatico's Cantina and Grill at 6 p.m. Saturday. Levi, in gentlemanly fashion, arrived handsomely clad at 5:50 p.m. holding a white rose.

Eva held off her appearance until about 6:08 p.m., which was just late enough to cause a little nervous tension, but not so late as to be seen as anything but fashionable.

The evening started off well as both made good first impressions upon the other. It seems that neither of them had had complete faith in the *Sauce*'s match making abilities, and were worried about what type of person would be waiting for them at the door.

"My first impression was like, 'Ah, a normal guy,'" Eva said after the date. She confessed that she had been nervous about who her date would be. "For a guy to fill that (application) out, I didn't know what to expect."

Likewise, Levi was pleasantly surprised.

"I thought she was very pretty," he said.

Levi's comments after dinner made it clear that he too had harbored many of the same doubts as Eva.

"I'm not going to say anything too derogatory about what I might have been expecting 'cause I don't want that ending up in the paper," Levi said.

By blind date standards, the date went exceedingly well. Dinner started at around 6:15 p.m. and went until just after 8 p.m. During that time the two got to know each other. They talked about what they enjoyed, where they were from and discovered that they both had a strong interest in the theater.

They confessed afterwards that they also spent some time trading worried guesses as what exactly would be written in the paper.

Both of them felt the date went very well. Neither Eva nor Levi had any complaints about the evening and each of them seemed very impressed by the other.

"It went a lot better than I could have expected," Levi said. "I'm very pleased. After talking to her I saw she was very smart, which I like, and she seems like she's very mature."

Eva said, "He's a really nice guy."

She was relieved to discover that Levi was interesting and easy to talk with.

"I thought I was going to be sitting here and he wouldn't talk to me,' Eva said. She added, however, that she had made a contingency plan for just such an occurrence.

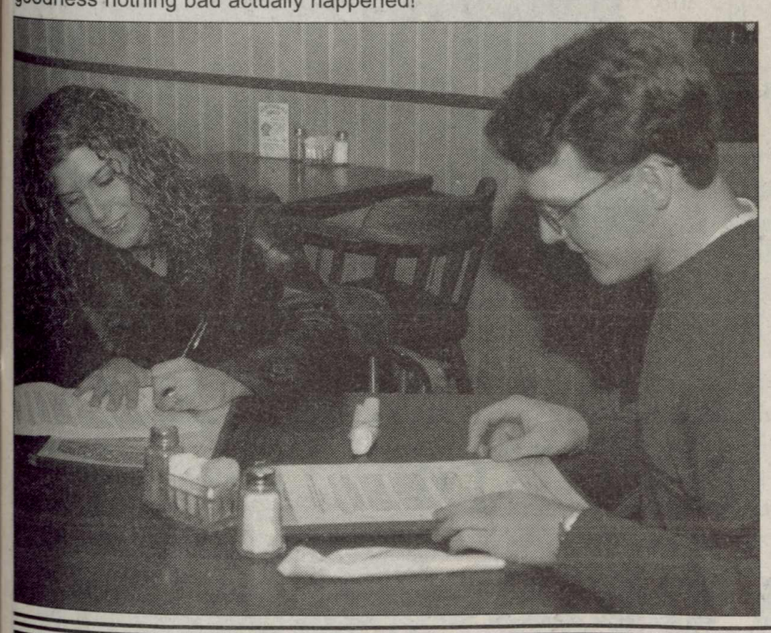
Her boss from the Student Union, a co-worker, and the wife Director of Residential Life Woody Blair were sitting at the table directly behind them in case she needed saving. She was thankful that she didn't need them after all.

After dinner, the two went out for ice cream and then called it a night. Both had already made other plans for later that evening. The date, however, was a success. Both Levi and Eva enjoyed themselves and made plans to hang out sometime in the near future. They exchanged numbers and left on very good terms.

Whether or not this is the beginning of a relationship, neither would comment. This is more than understandable since a single date is usually not enough to tell one way or the other and, even if it was, it's really probably none of our business anyway.

We've meddled in their lives enough. However, should the two of them become more than just friends, we at the *Sauce* would like to wish them the best of luck and, more importantly, a very happy Valentine's Day.

Eva and Levi sign release waivers to cover the *Sauce's* butts. Thank goodness nothing bad actually happened!



Levi and Eva share an intimate happy moment while ordering ice cream.

Levi and Eva talk over ice cream. Both were happy with the conversation.

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The glamour, the travesty, Lady of the Bracelet

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

Oops, they did it AGAIN. The sanctity of the Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant has been violated like a young virgin with her drunk, abusive boyfriend. But who's to blame this time?

Before I begin a finger-pointing rant about who IS to blame, let us take a nostalgic stroll down memory lane. We need not go too far. The year was 2000; it was the dawn of a new millennium and the start of a reign for a new Miss LOB. The 2000 Miss LOB pageant went smoothly, so we thought.

Breaux

Amber Rhyne was the first contestant named as Miss LOB 2000. Her reign did not last long. It was cut short only weeks later when the University's news bureau released a media advisory, which said there was a "miscalculation of judges' ballots by an independent auditing firm." The Feb. 18, 2000, advisory then named Sabrina Plaisance as the new Miss LOB; Rhyne became Miss Northwestern, and would attend events that Plaisance couldn't.

The firm, whose name is never mentioned in the advisory, was certainly to blame for the events that took place during the 2000 LOB pageant. Carl P. Henry III, the director of student activities, said in the advisory that "nothing like this has ever occurred in the history of the pageant." Later in the advisory it was written that the Natchitoches accounting firm had "volunteered its services for those responsibilities for a number of years."

Fast forward to present. History has repeated itself. The same Natchitoches accounting firm-Hines, Jackson and Hines, LLC-has made the same mistake only three years later.

On Friday former Miss LOB Alicia Schultz was asked to step down from her throne and give up her crown because of "an error in the tabulation of judges' ballots by an independent auditing firm," a Feb. 12, 2003, News Bureau release said. Former second runner up Lacey Fletcher was then given the crown, bracelet and title of Miss LOB.

How could this happen again? Who is to blame this time?

The answer? There are several people we can blame this time.

Of course the most obvious would be to blame Hines, Jackson and Hines. This is the second time in three years that the firm has miscalculated a pageant. After their first mistake, which cost Hines, Jackson and Hines a full-paid scholarship to NSU, I would have had to ask the firm to step down from their duties. Their credibility as a precise accounting firm has been lost. They have taken a simple task of calculation and made it a difficult heartbreaking experience for many. How can you trust an accounting firm that cannot tally the scores from a beauty pageant?

Secondly, we can place blame on the Student Activities Board for asking the firm back to add the scores. Let's say, hypothetically speaking, that our football coach had two chances to win a national championship and he blew it because he allowed an armless quarterback to play the last play of the game; how would our University react. I would like to say they would fire the coach, but if it were up to the SAB, they would ask the coach and the armless quarterback to coach and play on the tennis team. It just doesn't add up.

Finally, who cares about LOB anymore? It has become an embarrassment to our University. What does Miss LOB do anyway? Are her duties so important to get a full paid scholarship to NSU? Also, when there are three people the University must payoff to keep from suing for punitive damages where does the scholarship money ACTUALLY come from?

There are good things to come from this. If any of you accounting majors need a job after graduation there may be some openings here in Natchitoches.

When it comes down to it, a free service does one no good when one has to go behind the service and fix what it as muffed. In a time such as this, we must remember one of the great teachers of our time, Sesame Street's Count von Count, and his struggles with teaching people how to count. We could have learned a lot from that puppet.

When will the SGA work for me?

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Columnist

What has the Student Government Association done for you lately?

Nothing.

Well that's not exactly true, last semester the SGA passed Oprah Winfrey Day. I think all of our lives were improved because of that legislation.

Yesterday I saw one of last year's SGA presidential stickers and I chuckled. "Cosby and Jensen, working for me!"

SGA president Stacie Cosby led a lame-duck senate last semester and has failed to secure any legislation for the students this semester. Cosby receives a full scholarship from the students because her job can be very demanding and time consuming. I think the students should demand that Cosby secure legislation that will benefit them.

Boudreaux

Cosby will point to the senate and argue that it has to pass the legislation, and that the speaker of the senate, Greg Comeaux, sets meeting agendas. While Comeaux is responsible for mediating discussion and assisting senators write legislation, Cosby promised sweeping changes in her campaign speeches.

As a seasoned senator turned president, Cosby knows how to get legislation written and passed. She needs to guide and inspire freshman senators while appointing able people to replace senators lost this past semester.

Last school year when the SGA was embroiled in a ridiculous feud about the nature of free speech with the *Current Sauce* it produced more legislation for the students.

The University is planning to renovate Caspari Hall and turn it into offices for the administration. I would like the SGA to pass legislation keeping Caspari as a dorm for upper-class students until the proposed dorm is completed.

However, if the same contractors who are building the IM building are building the new dorm, a decade could pass before ground is even broken.

Every time I walk to class from my room in Caspari I look at the closed IM and curse the bureaucracy. I am only one of a handful of students still at NSU that actually voted on the $75 semester fee for the new building in the fall of 1998. I, like 65 percent of my classmates, voted "yes" to the self-assessed fee. I believed in SGA president Luke Dowden's timeline that said the new building would be operational in the spring of 2001, and at the latest in spring 2002.

My, how the time has flown by. Now Dowden is the Greek advisor, I am five years closer to a degree, but *NSU hasn't even broken ground on the new IM.* There was going to be a groundbreaking Monday afternoon, but guess what? Yep, it got postponed, again.

I have paid 10 semesters of IM fees for a total of $750! I still have another two semesters before I graduate. With the money I will have spent on the IM, I could have bought my own Bowflex workout machine.

Dowden wrote a letter to the *Current Sauce* for the Dec. 1, 1998, issue and said, "Hold those people that lead you to a higher standard." It was good advice then, and is good advice now. I would like our leaders in the SGA to look out for the students by passing legislation exempting all those with junior and senior standing from paying the IM fee.

Most of the students who have earned the minimum 60 hours for junior standing will not be around to see IM completed. It's high time the University stopped collecting money from those who will never see the IM built.

President Stacie Cosby represents the student's interest to the University and I am not interested in paying for this overdue and over-budget IM anymore.

These first two requests are a tall order for the SGA to get done. I also realize that even if the legislation gets past the senate, University President Randy Webb will shoot it down because he is "better in touch" with the needs and desires of the student body, about as in touch as Christopher Reeves is with his own legs.

I just want my student representation to make an effort; even if they fail in their goals, I will be proud they made the attempt.

Since Caspari will not be saved for the students and the students will continue to be taxed, the SGA should arrange a consolation prize. I suggest declaring a Kevin Spacey Day. Perhaps we can invite him to lead our homecoming parade next year, and after the parade he can take a tour of the nursing homes in town.

Spacey may not have the drawing power to make Natchitoches house mothers squeal in the street for his autograph, but he would be a more interesting guest than Oprah Winfrey.

Spacey is known for his work in trying to bring up-and-coming actors, writers and directors to the forefront. Spacey has accepted the position of theater director at the Old Vic in south London. Old Vic is 180 years old and because of it's state of disrepair was threatened with demolition until it was purchased by Sir Elton John.

Spacey and John have toured raising funds for the theatre. Perhaps Spacey might be willing to raise money for the 60-year-old Caspari. Or he might give advice to the theatre department about having a successful career both on the stage and on the silver screen.

Basically I want Cosby and the senate to get out there and actually *start working for me.* I will accept failure, but I will not accept inaction. I encourage you to contact President Cosby and inform her you *too* hold her to higher standard.

Cosby can be reached in her office in Room 222 of the Student Union, or by phone at 357-4335.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposal for a name change

It appears that, because of recent confusion in the matter, a name-change is in order of either the United States of America or the United Nations. Apparently, because of the similar abbreviations-U.S. and U.N.-people have been getting the two confused, as is demonstrated by Edward L. Boudreaux III's article in the February 6th issue of the Current Sauce. Boudreaux, in his article "Atomic bomb saved lives," makes the claim that "the U.S. is the world's policeman."

Obviously, Boudreaux, like our own government, has confused the United States' position with that of the United Nations', since it is actually the United Nations' place to preserve world peace. Sadly, I cannot make the claim that the United Nations is particularly vigilant about their position, but it is their job, and not that of President Bush, to preserve peace in the world.

While I'm on the topic of Boudreaux's article, though, I simply cannot resist a few more pokes at his argument. Boudreaux's column begins with the assertion that "[Nelson] Mandela fails to realize that Saddam's invasion of Kuwait was an excuse to capture oil wells that could be used to pay off debt," apparently a counter-argument to Mandela's statement that Bush's war is an excuse to get Iraq's oil." Obviously, Boudreaux means to justify U.S. involvement in the war by showing that it's nothing Saddam wouldn't do.

I don't know about Edward L. Boudreaux III, but I really don't think the U.S. should use Saddam Hussein as an example for foreign policy. Two wrongs don't make a right, as the cliche goes. Boudreaux goes on to attack a few more quotes from Mandela, specifically where Mandela makes the claim that "if there is a country that has committed [...] atrocities [...] it is the United States of America." Boudreaux claims that America dropping nuclear bombs on Japan did more good than harm, and saved more lives in the end.

Perhaps Boudreaux fails to realize that Japan was already defeated by the time Truman dropped nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The people were starving, and their military was decimated. Boudreaux claims that "clearly Japan's will to fight had not yet been broken." Their will to fight is irrelevant; a quadriplegic man can have the will to fight all day long, and he will still have trouble throwing a punch. Japan was already crippled by the war; the bombs were unnecessary, simply the first real test of Truman's new toy.

Overall, I don't really think Boudreaux seems too terribly qualified to make decisions on U.S. policy; certainly not if he is still confused as to the difference between U.S. obligations and U.N. obligations. Then again, under Bush's rule, does one really need qualifications to make a call for war?

Shane Padraic Erath
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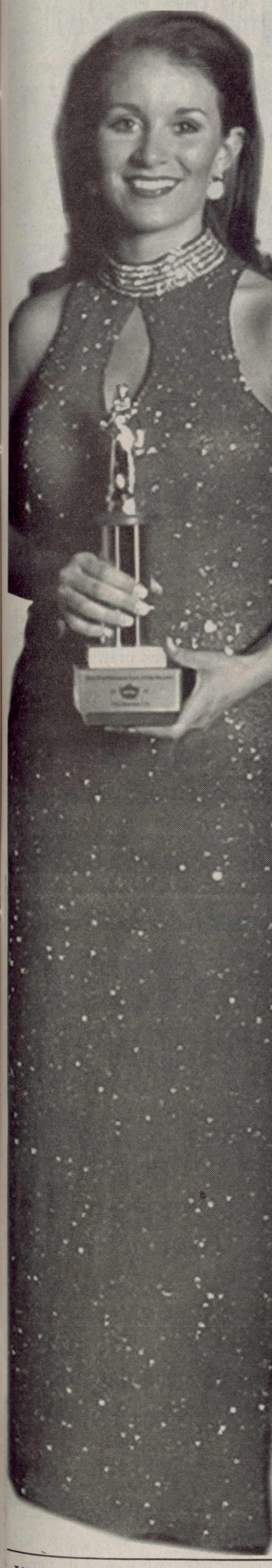
Deja Vu?

Lacey Fletcher named 2003 Miss LOB after accounting error



By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

"As far as I know it was just a mistake," Lacey Fletcher, 2003 Miss Lady Of the Braclet, said. "The pressure can get to anyone. We are only human. Even though you have professionals sitting at a table adding scores, it can happen. It is a learning experience for everyone."

Fletcher received a call on her cell phone around 8:30 Wednesday morning from Terria Alexander, assistant director of student activities.

She said Alexander expressed a sense of urgency and needed to speak with her in person as soon as possible. Fletcher traveled from her home in Rosepine, La. that morning to Natchitoches.

"I thought something wrong had happened and I had a real uneasy feeling," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said as soon as she arrived in town, she had to teach a class at the lab school. It wasn't until 10:30 a.m. that she was able to meet with Alexander and Carl Henry, director of student activities.

Fletcher said Alexander and Henry received the pageant scores on Tuesday and realized there was a mistake in the scoring for the interview portion of the pageant.

Fletcher said the interview counts for 40 percent of the total score, so with the recalculation, she was rightfully Miss LOB.

"At first I was a little disappointed that I didn't get to wear the crown on stage. Then I thought about the issue. I wanted to be Miss LOB," Fletcher said.

"Even if I would've won I knew I would be a better individual because of it. I was going to refocus and find another preliminary to make it to Miss Louisiana.

I am thankful for Mr. Henry and Terria for being honest about it and the decisions they made," Fletcher said.

Fletcher added, "That is what pageants should be based on anyway, truth and respect in yourself. Otherwise it would be for nothing."

Fletcher has competed in pageants for approximately eight years. For the last two years she placed in the Top 10 in the Miss Louisiana pageant. She competed side-by-side with Kristen Holly (2001 Miss LOB) and Amanda Crain (2002 Miss LOB).

When Fletcher began competing in pageants eight years ago, she said she needed to develop a talent.

"I knew I couldn't sing and I needed something entertaining not for me, but for the audience. So I dance," Fletcher explained.

She performed a self-choreographed clogging routine to "In America" by Charlie Daniels for the talent competition.

Fletcher said she started working on her routine about a year ago for the Miss Louisiana pageant.

Miss LOB was Fletcher's first competition since this summer.

"I was a little anxious and a little nervous because I waited so long to compete," Fletcher said.

"Since I go to school at Northwestern, I thought it would be a great opportunity to promote my views in Natchitoches and the schools in Natchitoches," Fletcher said.

Fletcher has promoted her platform, America's Promise, for three years. Founded in 1996, Secretary of State Colin Powell established the program to promote character and confidence in our state and the nation's youth.

"I think I have a message and a purpose that I want to share with others," she said.

Fletcher said her platform and other characteristics allow her to relate to others.

"Being Miss LOB is the definition of someone who is an ambassador for the college because you are representing NSU and Natchitoches," Fletcher said. "I am prepared because of my experience and the preparations I made and my commitment and my desire to be Miss LOB."

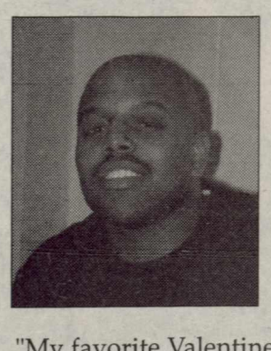
Fletcher said her mother has inspired her success.

"My mom is my worst critic and my best supporter. She has been there for the good times and the bad times. She is a good Christian," she said. "She has been a catalyst in my life."

Fletcher will compete in the Miss Louisiana pageant this summer. Until then, she said she would develop her platform in the Natchitoches area and start on a new clogging routine for the talent competition.

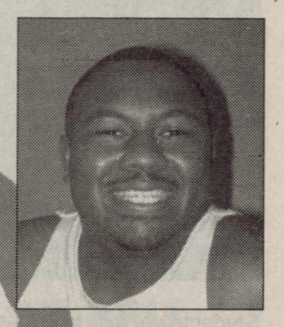
Q & A: What is the sweetest thing that has ever happened to you on Valentine's Day?

Compiled by Dominique Irvin
Sauce Reporter



"My favorite Valentine's Day moment was in '97 when me and my friend Chevonne Thomas went to Atlantic City [from Philadelphia]. We stayed the night and sat on the beach and laid down under the stars. The weather was nice that time of year... and we had a nice night."

-Derrick Doyle, 26, journalism

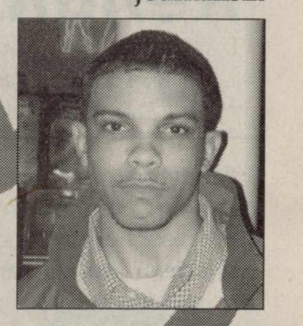


"The sweetest thing somebody ever did for me was cook for me and made me a candlelight dinner. It was the most special thing anybody ever did for me in my lifetime."

-Warner Tureaud III, 21, journalism

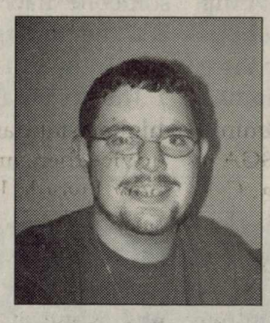
"It's really simple, but I never had a Valentine before. That night [one] stopped by and surprised me with a basket full of goodies. Then he left and an hour later my other friend, the late Rondray Hill, came over. It was 11:56 and he [asked me] if I would be his Valentine for the next four minutes. It was really sweet, two good friends that felt sorry for me because I never had a Valentine."

-Janie Warren, 21, journalism



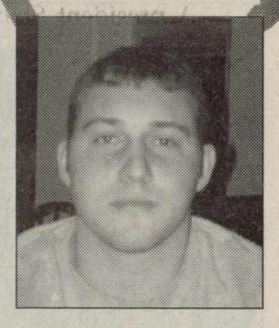
"The sweetest thing someone did for me for Valentine's Day was they took me out and I'll leave the last part censored."

-James Duplessis, 21, electrical engineering



"Freshman year I cooked my girlfriend dinner. I cooked stuffed chicken with all kinds of sides [and] bought some sparkling grape juice. I blindfolded her and took her down to the riverfront at night. I had a table set up waiting for us and [we had] a candlelight dinner under the stars. We walked up and down the riverfront and had a great talk and a great night."

-Jared Monroe, 20, pre-med



"It was two years ago, Valentine's Day morning. I went on a hot air balloon ride with my girlfriend Nealy Beach. We were up for about 30 minutes and we crashed in the middle of Shreveport, in the ghetto."

-Grey Digilorno, 21, business administration

Weekly Horoscope

Courtesy of KRT Campus

■ **Aries (March 21-April 20).** Romantic intrigue is on the rise. Expect potential lovers to ask for detailed descriptions of private hopes or long-term loyalties. Go slow. Although passions are high, new friends and loved ones may need reassurance.

■ **Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Over the next few days, expect old friends to admit to deep feelings of isolation or social jealousy. Group activities and home celebrations may require extra planning. Sensitivities may be high. Listen to the needs of friends and relatives.

■ **Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Previously denied attractions are key themes over the next few days. Watch for past events, canceled invitations or newly rekindled flirtations to be compelling. New expenses or fast debts will be complex and annoying over the next 11 days.

■ **Cancer (June 22-July 22).** A recent period of emotional isolation will fade. Expect close friends or lovers to no longer hide their romantic needs or social excitement. For the next two to three days, forgotten bills or late payments may be bothersome.

■ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Work officials may make heavy demands but provide only limited guidance. Don't lose faith. Workplace leadership and job relations will return to normal early next week.

■ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Over the next few days, lovers and close friends may reveal deeply private information. Family disputes or past social history may be key concerns. Watch for subtle moments of tension to lead to detailed and emotional discuss.

■ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Close friends or work mates will offer accurate romantic advice over the next few days. Expect romantic complications to deepen before next week. Respond quickly to new emotional facts and social details.

■ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Long-distance messages or announcements from old friends are on the agenda this week. Some Scorpios, may encounter a rare flirtation or new workplace attraction. If so, remain cautious. Before the end of February, social and romantic triangles will not be easily resolved.

■ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Public comments and social criticism are mildly annoying this week. Over the next four days, expect friends or work mates to boldly offer uninformed opinions. Try your best to avoid controversy.

■ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Social invitations may lead to surprising business opportunities. Use this time to foster better work relations or research valuable job openings. After Friday, intimate discussions with loved ones are productive. Expect friends and lovers to no longer avoid serious questions.

■ **Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Yesterday's relationships may be on your mind over the next few days. Before midweek, watch for a delightful wave of nostalgia or intuitive reflection to arrive. Emotional intimacy and subtle invitations will be ongoing themes. Start preparing; there's much to consider.

■ **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Old memories have a strong appeal. Expect self-reflection to be followed by a powerful wave of romantic confidence. Many Pisceans will dramatically change their social or home obligations. Listen to all sudden insights or intuitive flashes. Your private instincts are accurate.

Calender of Events:

Feb. 13
Service Learning Event, 3-5 p.m., SAB; Juliet Funt 7 p.m. Student Union Ballroom

Feb. 14
Valentine's Day

Feb. 15
Krewe of Kaninus, 2 p.m.; The Bullet Boys, 10 p.m., Club Bedrock, $5 cover

Feb. 17
IM Basketball playoffs

Feb. 18
SGA Questions, Concerns and Comments, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Outside Vic's

Photo courtesy Nettie Krepper
The NSU Angels hosted a jambalaya dinner on Feb. 1 and donated profits to the American Cancer Society. More than $1,000 was raised.

Photo courtesy *Natchitoches Times*
The Krewe of Kaninus will have the second annual dog parade Saturday at 2 p.m. The proceeds collected through donations go to help homeless animals, adopt-a-pet days and for veterinary purposes. The parade will start and end at the end of Front Street, near Dominic's.

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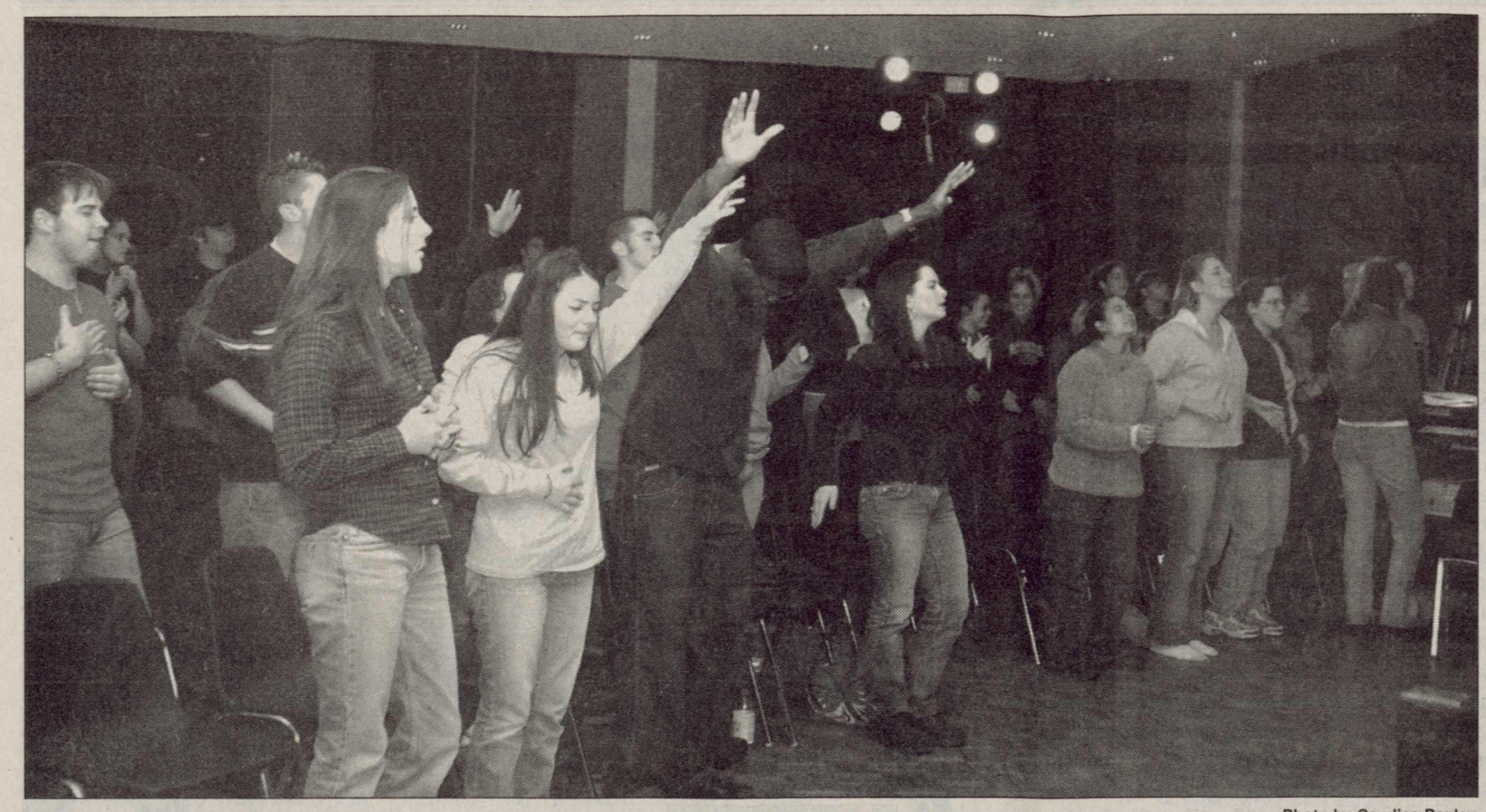

Photo by Candice Pauley

Students get into worshipping in the Student Union Ballroom Monday night during a three-day All-Campus revival. The "Are you hungry?" signs posted around campus assembled a diverse crowd. There were live bands, guest speakers and personal testimonies of people's experiences with Christ.

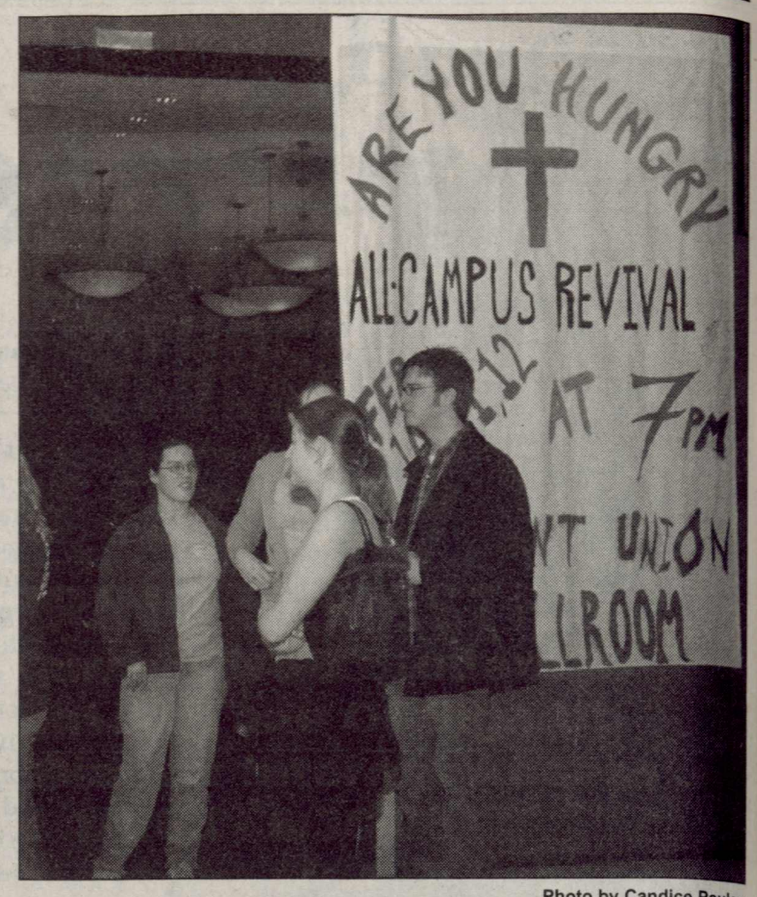

Photo by Candice Pauley

Students wait outside the Student Union Ballroom before Monday's revival. Unity was one of the message spoken about during the service.

Fed by the Spirit of the Lord:

Religious organizations get together for on-campus revival

By Candice Pauley
Sauce Reporter

Students have been left in question over the mysterious "Are you hungry?" signs that have been around campus for the past few weeks.

After tickling the interest of the students with the first set of deliberately vague signs, the maker of these signs made a second, that gave only slightly more information-"What are you hungry for?"

The third set gave a time and place, but no further information.

The signs were an attempt to get people to come to a campus revival. Thus, "Are you Hungry for Christ."

The Christian Campus Coalition, a newly formed group that brings all of the campus ministries together, set up three days of prayer and testimony for anyone who wished to attend.

"We want to bring all the Christians and non-Christians together and unite this campus," Madi Roza, organizer of the revival, said.

Roza said the signs were not there to fool anyone. The slogan was just an ad campaign someone had come up with, and they thought it was different and worth a try.

The three-day revival included several guest speakers including Matt Slate, a former Northwestern student, and Brother Al Harris, a preacher at Abundant Life in Natchitoches.

Students could also give testimonies of their walk with Christ.

Aside from the speakers, the coalition brought The Awakening, a Christian band from Life Way Fellowship, a church in Bossier City, La.

The group played throughout the night in between the speakers.

Gerald Long, a minister for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, opened the first night with a prayer.

"I think the thing that we're attempting to do is create an atmosphere on campus where there is a presence that young students and young people can feel comfortable with in their expression of worship," Long said.

The revival brought students and professors of many different denominations together to worship and pray.

"I think our central purpose is uniting the Christians, uniting the ministries and getting on the same page," Mary Dirks, a student at Northwestern, said.

Dirks was one student that gave her testimony to others.

The revival's theme was not only that of salvation, but that of unity and renewal as well.

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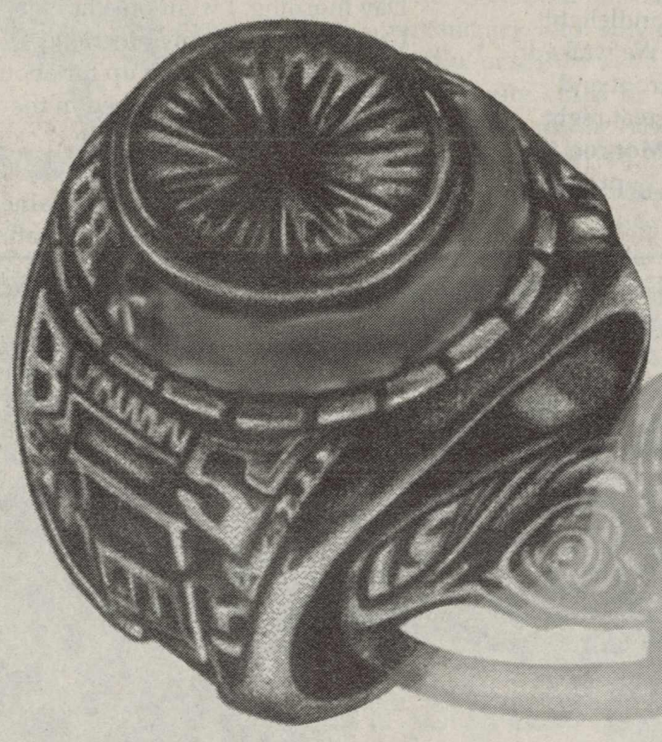

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14 game streak lays claim to Demons, Texas road victory

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons up-ended the Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners for their first road victory of the season a score of 73-60.

NSU is 4-14 overall, 4-7 in the Southland Conference. The Roadrunners are 6-12, 3-8.

The Demons came into the game hoping to duplicate the same efforts as earlier this month when they beat the Roadrunners, 76-67 in Prather Coliseum.

Northwestern went on top and never looked back with 9:04 remaining in the game as they scored nine unanswered points in an 18-second span.

Jermaine Wallace converted on a 3-point play with 5:01 remaining to put the Demons up 52-49. NSU's Tyronn Mitchell robbed the ball at midcourt on two consecutive possession to convert into five points.

"That was a big sequence," Demons head coach Mike McConathy said. "It was great to see us creating turnovers and scoring in transition. We haven't gotten our share of those points this year and they cropped up at the right time tonight."

The Demons went on to score eight points in crunch time to open the game up to a double digit lead, 60-49 with 4:43 remaining.

"We haven't gotten our share of those points this year and they cropped up at the right time tonight..."

-Mike McConathy
NSU head coach
About the Demons' win against Texas-San Antonio

Wallace had a team high with 18 points. Mitchell had eight points, five assists and four steals along with Clifton Lee chipping in eight points and a game-high 10 rebounds before fouling out for NSU.

The Demons also took on the Southwest Texas State (SWT) Bobcats (14-6, 9-6) in the second half of the road trip. The Demons were upset 95-62.

The Bobcats extended the nation's 10th-longest active home court winning streak to 14.

Going into halftime the Demons were only down by five points.

During the first five minutes of the second half, SWT blew open a tightly contested game with a 15-5 run.

The Bobcats had almost perfect aim at the basket shooting 60 percent (18-30) and outscored the Demons 56-28, limiting NSU to 29 percent (11-38) shooting.

SWT had five players in double figures while the Demons got 20 points from Jermaine Wallace, 14 points and 11 rebounds by Clifton Lee and 10 points from Carl Jones.

"Southwest Texas played extremely well and we helped them along after really competing well in the first half," McConathy said. "I did a poor job in not trying to call more time outs during those runs at the start of the second half. We weren't matching them offensively and our defense had a lull that they exploited."

Jermaine Spencer, NSU's leading shot blocker with 22, did not play or travel due to a concussion from last week versus Stephen F. Austin. Spencer is expected to be back in action this week.

NSU has a two-game home stand against McNeese Thursday and Louisiana-Monroe Saturday afternoon at Prather Coliseum.

Track team enjoys success at Houston, prepare for SLC Championships

By Adam Parker
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern's track and field team participated in the Houston Outdoor Invitational last Saturday, with Jacqueline Canton and Brittany Littlejohn posting NCAA provisional qualifying marks.

Canton finished second overall with a 1.77 meter score in the women's high jump competition. Canton also finished fourth in the triple jump.

"I think Jacqueline's height showed that she has the opportunity to go a couple of centimeters higher. There is a strong possibility that she will make it into the national championships" women's track coach Dean Johnson said.

New Orleans native Littlejohn finished second in the women's 60-meter hurdles event, posting a time of 8.4 seconds.

"Brittany needs to drop about a tenth of a second off of her time to get to 8.30 seconds, which would have a good chance of getting her to the NCAA championships," Johnson said.

Littlejohn is currently ranked No. 20 in the nation according to Johnson. The NCAA takes the top 14 ranked athletes in the nation.

The two Lady Demons were among many NSU athletes who met NCAA provisional qualifying standards. Terry Gaston posted a 47.29 in the men's 400-meter dash, and Stephanie Sowell posted a mark of 6.01 meters in the long jump.

Other Demon scores of note included a 49.86 in the men's 400 by Senior Justin Wolfe. A third place in the men's shot put accomplished by Issa Banna with a 16.31 meter throw.

A fifth place finish of 15.77 meters in the shot put by Junior Danny Allen. A fourth placed finish of 14.78 meters in the men's triple jump by Cedric Scott; and a 14.67 meter fifth placed finish in the men's triple jump by David Williams.

"We had much better times overall," said Johnson.

Some Demons did not participate in their strongest events during the competition, which was the last competition before the Feb. 21 and 22 Southland Conference Championships in Houston's Bill Yeoman Field House.

"We've got an open date this weekend, which we'll use to train and allow the athletes to recover a bit for conference," Johnson said.

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NSU softball drops two game opener to Southern Miss.

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Southern Mississippi spoiled Northwestern State's long awaited season opener by sweeping the doubleheader Tuesday night 4-2, 5-4.

The Lady Demon's first season opener against Baylor was canceled due to rain and the opening series against McNeese State was delayed due to unplayable field conditions.

Head Coach Eileen Schmidt had hoped for good weather because of the match-up.

Schmidt described it as a "match-up of two teams that won a lot of games last season and a game that will help both teams heading into the weekend."

Also, the game had the invested interest of battling an NSU alumnus, Glenn Moore who coaches softball at Baylor. A former NSU assistant coaching the 1990's, Moore played football for NSU.

NSU traveled to Southern Miss. To face former Demon coach Gay McNutt who left the Lady Demons in 2000 with an assistant and Jessica Holaway, Southland Conference Freshman of the Year.

Northwestern was not able to hold a pair of leads in the doubleheader due to seven unearned runs in the game. USM could only muster two earned runs in two games but mistakes doomed the Lady Demons into the loss column.

Crista Miller was the starting pitcher for the first game with an impressive first outing.

Miller scattered five hits while striking out three and giving up no walks and allowed only one earned run.

Senior starting pitcher Amanda Ortego pitched a complete game giving up six hits, striking out seven, walking two and gave up one earned run.

Last year's SLC freshman of the year Nicole Martin had four hits in the doubleheader and stole a pair of bases in the loss.

The Golden Eagles scored three in the bottom of the sixth of the opener taking advantage of two NSU errors to help overcome a 2-1 deficit.

In the second game Northwestern led 4-3 in the bottom of the fifth when a bases loaded two out error gave USM the go ahead run.

Up next for the Lady Demons is LSU next Wednesday and opens SLC play at home against two-time defending champion Southwest Texas on Feb. 22.

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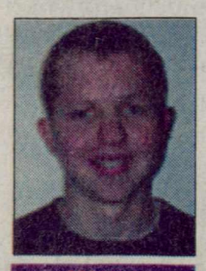
The way I see it:

Spring time

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Spring is here and baseball, softball and tennis kicked of their 2003 seasons this weekend.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The Demon baseball team kicked off the new season against heated in-state rival No. 6 LSU. The Demons gave a valiant effort in the freezing cold at Baton Rouge, but LSU prevailed winning all three games. Northwestern rebounded Tuesday night against the Ragin' Cajuns beating them 11-2.

Lady Demon softball team had problems after problem getting their season started. First, a rain delay canceled their game Thursday against Baylor. Next, unplayable field conditions at McNeese cancelled opening the SLC series. NSU finally kicked off their season on Tuesday night against Southern Miss.

The Lady Demons were leading in both games but could not cut out the errors dooming them to a sweep. Women, cut down the unearned runs and you will win plenty of games. Avenge our guys next week and beat LSU.

Northwestern's tennis team also fell to Southern Miss. I hope this season people continue to support these hard working athletes. Anneline Zerwick and Alexandra Neito had great wins in singles and double matches. The next home game is Feb. 21 against Arkansas State.

What would my column be without saying something about our basketball teams?

At Demon basketball games the guys just try and try but cannot get over the hump and win games. This week they finally won a road game, the first one of the season. Congratulations, guys.

The Demons follow up the big win with a letdown at Sam Houston State getting blown out 95-62. I hope the Demons can rebound again and win both games against McNeese, today, and the homecoming game against Monroe on Saturday. Get fired up, guys, and win.

The Lady Demons are still rolling even after a minor setback at Texas San Antonio. NSU followed up with a big win at Sam Houston State to keep them in the playoff hunt and even the SLC crown. The Lady Demons need to get red hot with shooting and try not to get so cold on certain nights.

Last Thursday night the women shot only 29 percent from the floor. Demons, you cannot win basketball games shooting this bad you and I know this. Believe, girls, you are the chosen team and can win it all.

The NASCAR season kicks off this weekend with the Daytona 500. The great American race comes on Sunday at 1 p.m. on Fox. Check it out and see a sport where guys do not whine over salaries or that their big toe hurts. These guys just get out there and race. There is nothing like a pack of cars three wide within inches of each other.

Go to a Demon sporting event this week; remember you never know what will happen.

Lady Demons battle for a win against Bobcats

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons (12-7, 8-5 SLC) beat the Southwest Texas Lady Bobcats (9-12, 8-5 SLC) in a close Southland Conference game 64-59.

The win on Saturday snapped a two game road losing streak for the Lady Demons. The close, gritty game saw 11 lead changes and eight ties throughout the game.

"We played pretty well, a hard fought game overall," assistant Demon coach Jennifer Graf said.

In a close first half the Lady Demons trailed throughout, but never more than five points. Amanda Bennett capped off a 14-6 run with a late three pointer in the waning minutes of the first half.

Diamond Cosby help the Demons push past the Bobcats scoring eight of her ten points in the final minutes of the game including a tie-breaking lay-up with 1:20 left in the ball game.

Southwest Texas saw the last lead change when Cosby hit a three-pointer from the top of the key with 4:44 left to go in the game giving NSU a 54-52 edge. Katrina Swanigan contributed 10 points plus a season best 13 rebounds as Northwestern out rebounded the Bobcats 40-37.

"Our girls played well on offense and defense and we rebounded well," Graf said.

Northwestern also got help from nation assist leader La'Terrica Dobin with 13 points and Angela Davidson scoring 11 points.

Dobin hit three of four free throws with 18 seconds left in the game to ice the win for the Demons.

Texas-San Antonio took sole possession of first place in the SLC by dominating Northwestern Thursday 68-54.

In the battle for first place, the Lady Demon's shot a season low 29 percent from the floor on 17 of 59 shooting for the game. Texas San Antonio shot a red hot 51 percent from the floor on 29 of 57 shooting.

The Lady Demons fell behind as many as 19 points in the game and fought hard and cut the lead to 8, but could not get any closer. Davidson led all NSU scorers with 15 points and 11 rebounds with Swanigan contributing 13 points and five rebounds.

"They know we have to play well in every game and we need to win games to win our conference," Graf said.

Northwestern plays at Prather Coliseum for a two game home stand. The Lady Demons play heated rival McNeese State on Thursday and Louisiana Monroe on Saturday for NSU's basketball homecoming celebration.

Left: Mike Brey suited up with the Demon Basketball team of 1980. **Above:** Brey is the head basketball coach for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

Fightin' Irish coach bled Purple

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

"He is going to be one of those coaches to go down as an all-time coach," former Demon basketball coach Tynes Hildebrand said of Notre Dame Head Coach Mike Brey.

Brey, who spent three years as NSU's guard from 1977 to 1980, is in his third year as head coach at Notre Dame. Over the past two years he has brought the Irish to back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances. Recently, the Irish have worked their way to becoming the No. 9 overall ranked team in the nation.

> *"I was so proud two years ago when they won the game in Dayton..."*
>
> **-Mike Brey**
> About NSU's 2001 appearance in the NCAA tourney

Though few in the Natchitoches area connect the Brey of NSU with the Brey of Notre Dame, Hildebrand can make the distinction easily.

Originally from Rockville, Md., Brey attended De Matha High School in Hyattsville, Md. At the time, De Matha had a 19-year record of sending all its seniors to college with full scholarships, and Brey would become one of the many to continue in this tradition.

Because of injuries Brey did not have the best senior year or number of collegiate offers he had hoped for. However, NSU followed him closely and invited him to visit in March of 1977.

Hildebrand remembers Brey telling his parents he wanted to attend NSU as soon as he got off the plane in Maryland.

"That March it was kind of cool in the Washington, D.C. area, but when I got off the plane in Shreveport it was about 70 (degrees)," Brey recalled of his visit to NSU. "I remember thinking, 'You know, this could be me.'"

Other than the friendliness of the people in the south, Brey enjoyed the differences in lifestyle of his northern home and his southern college.

"I learned to appreciate southern cooking," Brey said. "I gained weight quickly when I went down there, and I still have a taste for Cajun cooking because of my three years in Natchitoches."

Although he enjoyed NSU, Brey's time at NSU had to end. In Brey's junior year the Demon basketball team fell to a low 5-20 season record, and NSU decided it was time for a coaching change.

Brey, who calls himself a Hildebrand fan, decided not to continue on with the new coach and finish his college career at home He transferred to George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where he became the captain of the basketball team.

Without the move Brey said he could see himself staying in Louisiana as a high school basketball coach.

"It is probably better for him that he did leave," Hildebrand said. "You never know what certain decisions will bring you."

Indeed this has proven to be true as Brey went on to become an assistant coach at Duke University under Mike Krzyzewski and helped bring the Blue Devils to six NCAA Final Four appearances, four national title games and two NCAA championships.

Later Brey went on to his first head-coaching job at the University of Delaware where he brought the Blue Hens to three post-season appearances and gained the attention of Notre Dame.

In 2000 Brey began his current job at Notre Dame where his team is 19-4 and is currently fighting for the Big East's western divisional title. Although his life has changed, he still has not forgotten NSU.

"I was so proud two years ago when they won the game in Dayton," Brey said of NSU's NCAA tournament appearance in 2001. "I thought that was so exciting."

Coach Brey also said he understands NSU's current basketball situation.

"That's the cycle of college basketball," Brey said. "You lose some seniors and then you just have to rebuild. You can't inject experience into a team that young."

With all of Brey's experience one can only imagine what will be next for he and Notre Dame. However, Hildebrand said he knows what Brey's future holds.

"You have to put him on the top level," Hildebrand said. "He'll keep them at the top."

Still interested?

Irish Coach Mike Brey will be the featured guest today on "ESPNEWS" at 1:30 p.m. and again at 5:40 p.m. He will also appear on "SportsCenter" at 2:30 p.m.

NSU baseball three time losers in series against the Tigers

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

This week the Demon baseball team kicked off their 2003 season with a roller coaster of a first week.

Falling 0-3 in three straight games to Louisiana State University, it seemed the Demons had already gotten into a slump.

In Friday night's game the Demons held off the Tigers with a 1-0 lead in freezing temperatures only to later allow the Tigers to come back in the bottom of the 8th inning. Having the chance to make the lead greater earlier in the game, the Demons left 10 men on base.

To add to the defeat, the only run of the night scored for the Demons was on a wild pitch in the top of the 4th.

In their second game against LSU the Demons faired better with the bat, but could not hold LSU defensively. Though the Tigers allowed five runs, they doubled the Demons game total in two five-run innings.

"I thought we came out and swung the bats pretty well today, but we dug ourselves a hole in the first when we gave up five runs," head coach Mitch Gaspard said of Saturday's performance.

In the third and final game of the series the Demons finally brought out their bats. With a 0-2 deficit Demon Jeff Martin swung for the fences bringing in a two run homerun to tie the game.

The Tigers would come back later in the game however scoring three more runs and ultimately winning the game 5-3.

> *"It's good for them to play good competition this early in the season..."*
>
> **-O.J. King**
> About the NSU Demons beginning their season with LSU

"Again, we gave ourselves a chance to win the game in the late innings, but we just couldn't get over the top," Gaspard said.

Despite the loses, the series brought quite a few Demon fans including former Demons David Quattro and O.J. King.

"It's good for them to play good competition this early in the season," King said.

On Tuesday night the Demons once again showed us what we are used to while taking on last year's NCAA regional attendee, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

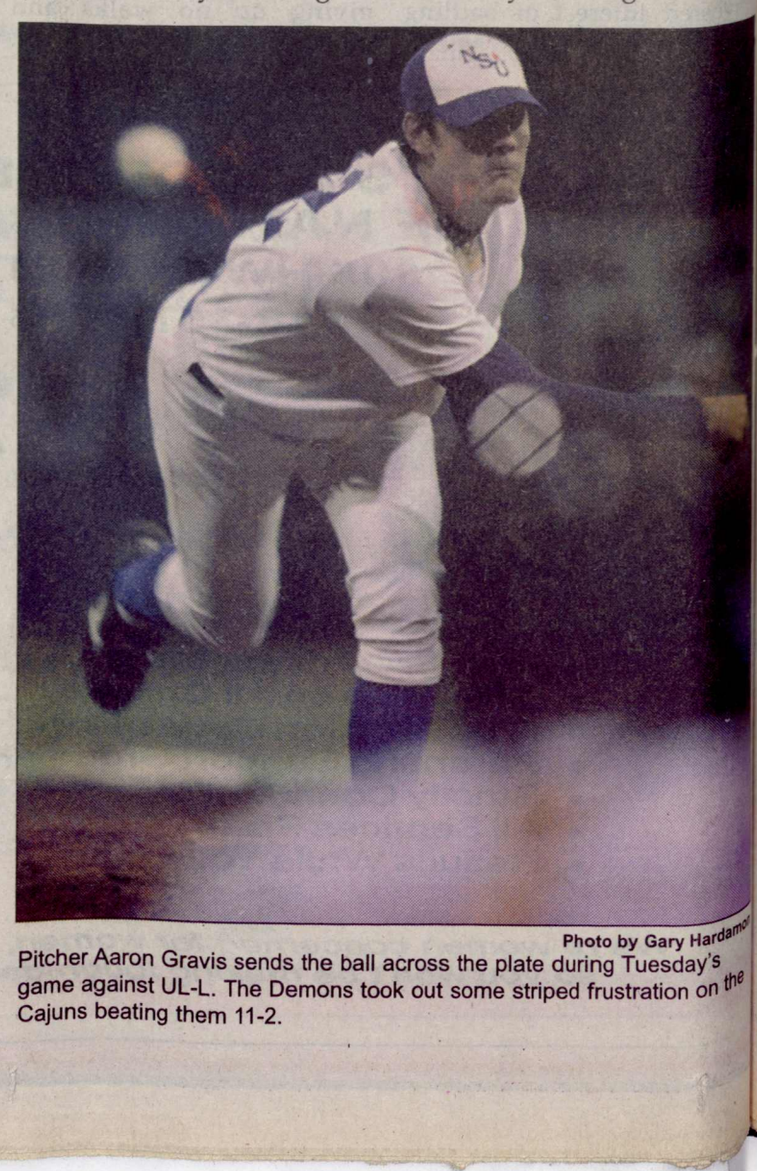
The Demons demonstrated excellent hitting after scoring six runs in the 1st inning.

The Demons hit circles around the Ragin' Cajuns for the rest of the game pulling off an amazing 11-2 win.

Gaspard was impressed with the win calling it a complete game where the bats came alive.

The former players agreed that the loss of last season's senior could be a reason the Demons seem rusty.

"There are a lot of new faces this year," Quattro said. "But give them a while to gel and they will be great."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Pitcher Aaron Gravis sends the ball across the plate during Tuesday's game against UL-L. The Demons took out some striped frustration on the Cajuns beating them 11-2.

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Kappa Alpha Psi suspended

Twelve charged with hazing—University police investigating

By Robyn Selders
Sauce Reporter

Twelve Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity members were arrested and charged with hazing, and the NSU chapter of the fraternity has been suspended for the investigation.

The arrested members were Derrick Addison, Brent Bailey, Felton Beaner, Davey Davis, James Duplessis, Reginald Harrold, Carlos Hartwell, Albert Jones, Devon Lockett, Traymain Madison, Terence Vinson and Brian Williams.

Each was charged with simple battery and hazing, both misdemeanors, and aggravated battery through use of canes, a felony, NSU Police Detective Doug Prescott said. They were released on $2,000 bond each and posted bail as they were being arrested.

Currently, the NSU Greek Life Office and the national office of Kappa Alpha Psi have suspended the chapter's activities pending the completion of the investigation, said Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs.

> ***"I intend to make every effort to move the disciplinary process along as quickly as possible so that the accused students can go on with their lives."***
>
> **—Dan Seymore**
> Vice President of Student Affairs

"Obviously we're gravely concerned that a student has brought allegations against other students," Seymore said. "It's a negative mark against all Greeks and that's unfortunate.

"I intend to make every effort to move the disciplinary process along as quickly as possible so that the accused students can go on with their lives."

The victim, Donald Haley, Jr., and his family reported the incident to the University. Prescott said. Injuries to Haley, who has resigned from the University, did not appear to be serious and consisted of bruises to his upper body. Haley was not hospitalized.

Prescott believes there were other victims.

"We only have one victim that has come forward," Prescott said.

The University Police said they are handling the investigation. The alleged hazing took place off-campus.

"They (Natchitoches City Police) were notified that we were conducting an investigation and they offered their assistance, but the University Police has conducted the inves-

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Audit faculty lose appeal

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

NSU faculty members connected to the audit of a grant program lost their appeal hearings last week in Russell Hall.

The audit involved the misuse of $60,000 in funding for the administration of a work force training grant. On June 26, University President Randall Webb brought about the legislative audit.

The faculty members were then placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation. In December 2002 NSU officially dismissed Dean

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Spring enrollment hits 11-year high

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

The increased number of students enrolled at NSU this spring is the largest improvement in 11 years with 9,727 students.

According to Jana Lucky, director of admissions, this is due to a high retention of freshmen who entered in the fall.

"It is the result of us recruiting more retainable students, better students who are interested in college and staying in college," Lucky said.

However, the numbers suggest that a significant number of new students have enrolled at Northwestern this spring.

There were 10,159 students enrolled in the fall semester. Considering the graduation

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See *Students worry about...*

Illustration by Connor Johnson

What else could possibly happen?

Physical Plant director sets tentative March 10 date for work to begin on new Wellness Center but says delays are still possible

By Linda D. Held
Sauce Reporter

A date has finally been given to start construction on the new Wellness Center, as of Tuesday.

"It (the contract) has been officially approved… fully executed," Physical Plant Director Chris Sampite said. "The project will be underway March 10. Prior to that we will have a pre-construction conference here on campus and that brings all the folks associated with the project together."

Still, with everything that could still go wrong, Sampite wasn't 100 percent sure that even now the work would happen on schedule.

Sampite said the original date set for the groundbreaking was the result of a conversation he had with director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl Henry, which was based on a conversation Sampite had with the Facility Planning and Control office in Baton Rouge.

The hold-up came when the contract between Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. and NSU had to be signed and sent to the Facility Planning and Control office in Baton Rouge, Henry said. Until that contract was signed, no work could begin.

Henry said a new groundbreaking ceremony would be tak-

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Graduate assistant named interim IM director

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Two from NSU to compete for Miss La.

■ *Alicia Schulz, the initial Miss Lady of the Bracelet, named Miss NSU; Schulz and Miss LOB Lacey Fletcher to be awarded full pageant scholarships*

By Levi Petree
Sauce Reporter

Just as in a similar accounting mishap in 2000, two students will represent the University at this year's Miss Louisiana pageant.

A week after the admission that an auditing error mistakenly crowned Alicia Schulz as the winner of the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant, NSU Director of Student Activities Carl Henry said he is taking measures to prevent another such incident from happening again.

Lady of the AUDIT 2003

"We're going to change the format of our pageant," Henry said. "We want to make sure that the auditors are not rushed into calculating the scores."

The University, after learning of the error, officially made Lacey Fletcher Miss LOB, Schulz first runner-up, Ashley Dunham second runner-up and Ashley Williams third runner-up on Feb. 12.

Fletcher had initially been ruled the third runner-up at the pageant.

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CORRECTIONS

Last week the *Current Sauce* reported that Lacey Fletcher was initially announced as the second runner up in the 2003 Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant. However, Fletcher was named third runner up before she was named Miss LOB.

Also, Alicia Schulz's last name was misspelled.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
66°/45°	56°/44°	61°/32°
90% chance of rain	30% chance of rain	Cloudy

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IM groundbreaking again set for the next two weeks; construction to take year and a half

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ing place some time within the next two weeks, but no plans have been finalized at this time.

"We want to break ground as much as anyone else," Henry said.

Within the next 16 to 18 months students should be moving out of the basement of Rapides and finally seeing the fruits of the $75 per semester fee students have paid since the Spring of 1999. The renovations to the Intramural Building are estimated to cost around $7 million, with around $5.6 million of that already raised, Henry said.

"We want to break ground as much as anyone else."

—Carl Henry
Director of Student Activities and Organizations

In addition to the planned steam room, dry sauna, cardiovascular theater with 18 stations and six televisions, a racquetball court, and up-to-date weight room and separate free weight area, Henry said that the new center would also have two gymnasiums and an eating area.

Graduate assistant named interim IM director

By Kristen Dauzat
L&E Editor

Chad Givens will act as the temporary assistant director of Student Activities for Recreational and Intramural sports.

He is replacing former Assistant Director Mark Deshotel. Given's job is temporary until an actual job description is rendered.

Deshotel accepted a job in Monroe in pharmaceutical sales.

Givens is from Starks, La., which is near Lake Charles.

His background experience includes being a student worker for the NSU Intramural Facility since 1996 and work as a graduate assistant for the IM.

Givens

Givens received an undergraduate degree in health and exercise science and a master's in sports administration from NSU.

Some of his current duties as temporary assistant director include organizing IM sporting events, special events and supervising workers to make sure they are doing their job correctly.

The job became available when Deshotel resigned and Carl Henry, director of student activities, informed Givens of the position.

"It worked out well since I know how the program runs," Givens said.

Interviews for the full-time position will begin in April, and the job will begin on July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. The listing will be posted nationally.

"It is more efficient for the students to have someone that already knows what to do," Henry said.

Henry added that Givens was offered the job because of his ability to work with others.

"He's a good team player," Henry said.

The old job description will be altered in order to incorporate duties for the new Wellness Center, which is about to break ground.

Dismissed faculty still have appeal option

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of Continuing Education Alvin Brosette Jr. and Assistant Professors of Electronic Engineering Technology Glen Moffet and Sherman Vogel based on findings in the audit report.

The audit report stated that laws related to theft, malfeasance in office and filing false public records were possibly violated.

Brosette, Moffet, and Vogel appealed the termination of their employment, and on Feb. 12 and 13 their appeals were heard. As of Friday the News Bureau confirmed that a University committee agreed to dismiss the three faculty members involved in the audit of an Alliance Compressors work force training grant program.

Brosette

Moffett

Vogel

According to the News Bureau, a seven member committee decided to concur with the dismissal of the employees following two days of hearings. President Randall Webb will submit the report of the committee to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in support of his recommendation to finalize their termination.

At the time of the hearings, David West of the News Bureau could only confirm that most of the hearings were closed to the public. Burns said he was involved in the appeal hearings but refused to comment on them at that time.

Now that this appeal has concluded, the faculty members have 30 more days to appeal their termination to the University's governing board.

KAΨ suspended for course of investigation

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tigation," Prescott said.

The investigation is still going on and some additional arrests may be made, Prescott said.

If found guilty, the arrested fraternity members could face fines or jail time.

Simple battery carries a $500 maximum fine, imprisonment for a maximum of six months, or both. Aggravated battery carries a $5,000 maximum fine, imprisonment with or without hard labor (penitentiary time) for a maximum of 10 years, or both. Hazing carries a maximum fine of $100, imprisonment for 10 to 30 days and expulsion from educational institution for the remainder of the current session or session in which the violation occurs, Prescott said.

"The local chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi has been helpful during the investigation," Prescott said.

"Mr. John Winston, vice president of university affairs, is the chapter's advisor and was very instrumental in getting the young men in and assisting us with the investigation," Prescott said.

Seymour is handling the University's disciplinary actions concerning the incident. He learned about the alleged hazing through an e-mail from Chris Maggio, director of alumni affairs, who had heard about an alumna's concerns about her brother.

The accused students have been placed on interim suspension, which means they cannot go to class or be on campus during the investigation, Seymour said.

Seymour said the next step is an administrative hearing where the accused students will have a chance to respond to the allegations. The process will be carried out as outlined in the NSU Student Handbook.

"Everybody learns from this," Seymour said.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the governing body over the eight historically black Greek organizations located on the NSU campus.

"From a Pan-Hellenic standpoint, we don't condone hazing," said David Williams, president of the NPHC. "It's in our constitutional by-laws not to permit hazing. However, we do understand at this point that they are just accusations, so we do not plan to take any disciplinary action until all the facts are present."

University to add second set of auditors to LOB pageant

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Henry said instead of taking an intermission after the swimsuit competition, an intermission would be taken after the eveningwear segment has concluded. This should give the auditors more time to add the final scores together.

"We usually take that break to not only give the girls a break, but to give the stagehands a break as well," Henry said. "We're now going to have entertainment after every phase of competition."

To ensure a stronger defense against a third auditing error, Henry said the pageant will now have two sets of auditors. They will both be able to calculate the scores and they will double-check each other's scores as well.

Henry was not able to comment as to whether Hines, Jackson, and Hines, the firm responsible for the error in scoring, would still be used to audit the pageant.

Henry's biggest worry at this time is getting together scholarships for the top three finalists. Fletcher and Schulz will be receiving full scholarships and Dunham will still be receiving the half-scholarship that was promised to her as first runner-up.

At this moment Henry does not know exactly where all of the additional scholarship money will come from but he has assured the three women involved that they will be rewarded.

Schulz said she that Fletcher has made things very easy on her with her care and support throughout the last hectic week.

"Lacey and I have been nothing but supportive of each other," Schulz said. "If I were to go to Miss Louisiana it would be a joint effort between the two of us. Lacey and I have talked. Our families have talked. Both are very concerned and supportive of the other and we know that this has just been caused by human error."

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—Alicia Schulz
Miss Northwestern and LOB first runner-up

Students worry about parking in face of record enrollment

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of 486 students in the fall and an unlikely 100 percent retention of all fall students, the University gained at least 54 new students.

However, neither the admissions office nor the registrar's office could provide the exact number of new students this spring.

"Because we don't necessarily bring in new students and recruit for the spring enrollment, we don't have those numbers," Lucky said.

Many students have noticed the increase in the student population and feel that the numbers are having negative effects on student life on campus.

Erica Ledet, a sophomore psychology major said that overcrowding on campus is a major problem, and the parking situation is ridiculous.

"There should be the same number of parking spots as students and faculty and staff members on campus. They take so much of our money. They could at least fix the potholes," Ledet said.

Trikedria Draper, a junior business administration major and desk worker at Sabine Hall said she has noticed the increase of residents in the dorms.

"The spring usually has less students, but I've noticed this semester that there are lots of new freshman coming in and out of the dorms," Draper said. "Construction is a problem because teachers are starting to park in resident zones."

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet on Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. in Room 341 of Kyser Hall. There will be talk about Venezuela and Columbia. Also, raffle tickets and money, dues ($5/year), and T-shirt money ($12) is due on March 12. Any Spanish student can get extra points by submitting a Spanish poem, recipe or other Spanish items for the Spanish Section bulletin board. For more information, see your class representative or contact Comfort Pratt in office 314-E of Kyser Hall (357-5590) or e-mail drprattc@hotmail.com.

Salsa Night will be on April 8 from 7-11 p.m. Raffle prizes include lunch bags, thermos, T-shirts and gift certificates.

Black History Month

There will be a Black History Month program Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the A. A. Fredericks auditorium.

Phi Mu (ΦM)

"Oldies but Goodies" Rock-A-Thon—Help ΦM sponsor Children's Miracle Network in front of Wal-Mart from 2-6 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Freshman Factor

Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ)

ΑΦΑ Week starts Monday with a freestyle contest at 8:06 p.m. in the Alley. The Alpha Male Sale will be at 8:36 p.m. Tuesday in the Alley. On Wednesday, the Alpha Talent Show starts in the Alley at 8:06 p.m. The Alpha Party will be at 10:06 p.m. Thursday at the Armory. A free student barbecue will start at 11 a.m. outside the Student Union.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

POLICE BLOTTER

For information on campus law enforcement activity, call the campus police department at 357-5431.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

Professional Overspray Claims Manager Leon Clifton cleans polyurethane from psychology department head Patrice Moulton's car.

Faculty parking perk: a chemical stain spray

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

Several NSU faculty members discovered something far more irritating than bird droppings splattered all over their vehicles last week.

Construction workers began spraying the roof of the Student Union with polyurethane Feb. 10, a day earlier than expected, and the chemical spray was carried by wind into the faculty parking lot outside of Kyser Hall and the Student Union, where it struck an unspecified number of cars.

Officers arrived to block off the faculty parking lot late Monday afternoon, with the understanding that the spraying would take place on Tuesday.

They discovered, however, that the construction workers had started the project earlier that day, before the parking lot was properly roped off.

Five faculty members initially filed reports with the campus police concerning the incident. Counseling and Career Services Director Rebecca Boone's one-year-old Volkswagen Passat was one of the cars heavily hit by polyurethane.

Journalism professor Mary Brocato carpooled with Boone that afternoon.

"It looked like the car had been misted with glitter," Brocato said.

The construction company Nationwide Overspray Network offered to amend the situation by removing the polyurethane with a substance known as Clay Magic.

Professional Overspray Claims Manager Leon Clifton explained that he would rub the Clay Magic over the damaged areas of the vehicles to lift off the chemical stains. Clifton stated that this process often completely eradicates the polyurethane from affected cars.

Academic Advisor and Instructor Steve Hicks's 8-year-old vehicle underwent Clifton's polyurethane-removal process a week after the incident took place.

"They did a very fine job cleaning up my car, so I'm happy about that," Hicks said.

"It's unfortunate that it happened, but they took care of it in a fairly swift manner," Hicks said.

Boone's car has not yet been treated with the Clay Magic, but she expects to have it done later in the week.

"(Clay Magic) looks like it's doing a good job without taking off the cars' paint or plastic coating," Boone said. "I'm pretty confident that (Clifton) will do a good job with my car."

"My biggest concern was that they'd recognize the mistake they made and rectify it, which is what they've done," Boone said.

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When an NSU artist posted flyers for his senior graphic design art show celebrating black history, people tore them and scrawled racial slurs on them. Suddenly, he found himself facing the same prejudice that the subjects of his show faced as

FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF AMERICA

Story by Tasha N. Braggs

Despite the recent vandalism of flyers promoting his show, a NSU senior graphic design major and web designer is presenting an art show dedicated to Black History Month.

The vandalism consisted of racial slurs and destroyed flyers.

"My biggest concern is someone destroying my work if I put it up too early," artist Marque Nelson said. "I feel that the destroying of my posters was childish, but it still shows that we still have prejudice people in this world."

"I just want to educate people on who the main civil rights leaders are and other important black Americans," he said.

Nelson is presenting a week-long senior art show titled "Freedom Fighters of America," beginning on Monday in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery. The opening reception will be at 7 p.m.

Nelson has found other ways to promote his show by handing out invitations. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will also promote Nelson's show that same week along with other events dedicated to Black History Month.

"I just want others to be educated on the different black leaders and the different forms of black art," Nelson said.

Nelson began working on his show last semester with 33 original pieces but cut it down to 20 pieces due to space limits in the gallery.

Nelson said that the most difficult part of putting his show together was finding enough paper for his posters.

"I wanted the show to be unique and professional," Nelson said. "I didn't want a lot of paintings, but I wanted to focus on graphics."

Nelson used Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator to design his show. He used Photoshop to create and manipulate images and photographs that he imported into Illustrator to layout.

"Using these two programs can be hard," Nelson said. "I learned the basics in class and bought books to teach me the rest."

Nelson said his show consists of computer-based graphic-designed packages of posters, magazines, DVD covers and CD covers of various black Americans such as Martin Luther King Jr., Langston Hughes, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth.

Nelson also included downloaded speeches from Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X playing in the background during the reception. The show will also include a recorded musical selection by Aretha Franklin entitled *Someday We'll All Be Free.*

"We as people are still segregated maybe not physically but mentally," Nelson said. "I pray that one day we will all come together and racism won't exist."

Marque Nelson's computer-drawn portrait of poet Langston Hughes

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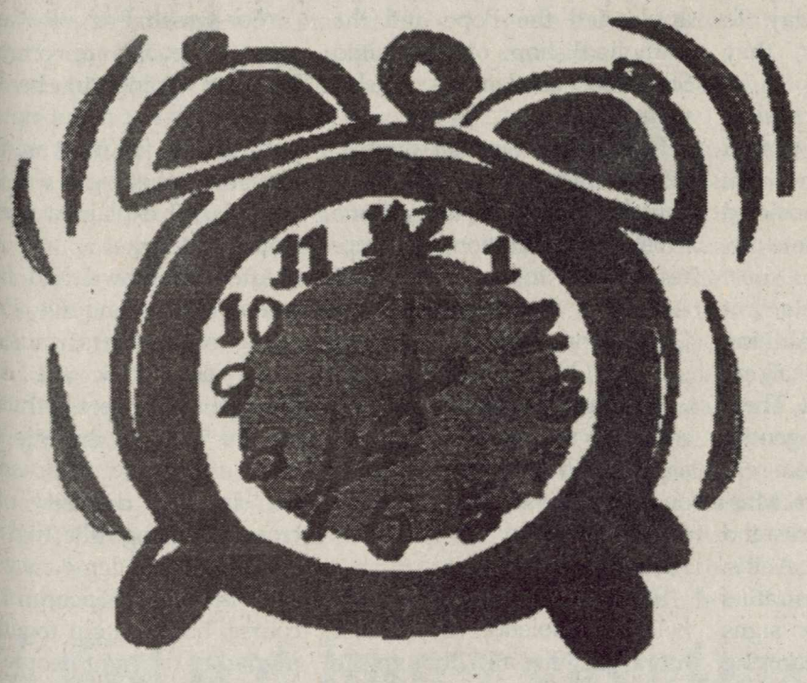

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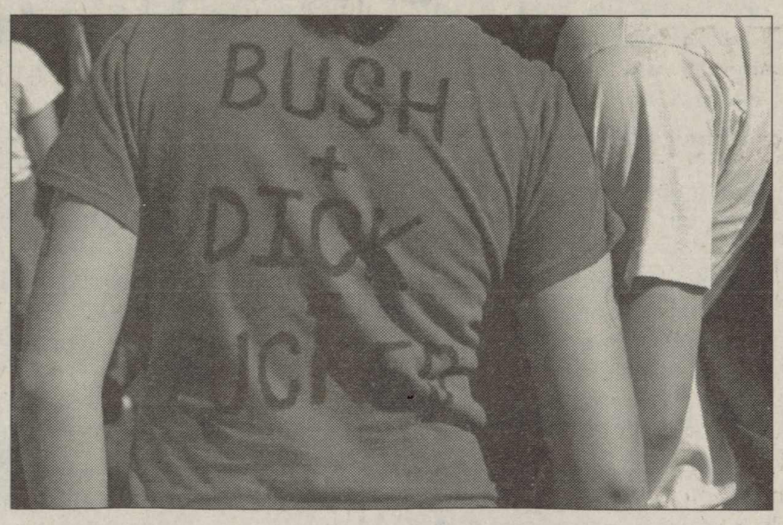
taking it to the STREETS

■ *On Saturday millions gathered worldwide to protest U.S. war plans against Iraq. Sauce reporter* ***JUSTIN SHATWELL*** *and Sauce photographer* ***CANDICE PAULEY*** *were among the thousands who protested in Houston. This is what they saw.*

Above: The upside-down flag accented by the gas pump nozzle was one of the many visual statements seen during the protest.

Right: Even anti-war demonstrators understand simple math as stated by the protester's t-shirt.



Above: The Houston Police Department was a constant, but quiet presence throughout the march.

Right: The weekend protests did not pass without objection as pro-war demonstrators show their support for President Bush's decisions.

As I walked up the long corridor from my car to the exit, chants of "Drop Bush, not bombs" and "No blood for oil" reverberated down into the parking garage from the street above. I emerged into the sunlight to see that the humble crowd I had witnessed in front of the Federal Building as I drove in had greatly grown.

It was Saturday afternoon in Houston on Feb. 15. This day had been organized as an international day of protest against the possible war with Iraq. At that very moment millions of people were taking to the streets in cities as far away as Sydney and Tokyo as well as in dozens of American cities including New York and Chicago. Being in what one marcher referred to as "Bush's backyard," the protest in Houston was predicted to be of much humbler proportions. However, as the protesters began to filter from the street to the rallying point in the adjoining park, it seemed that I, along with many others, had underestimated the strength of Houston's anti-war movement.

In the center of the crowd, a makeshift band of drums, saxophones and tambourines had formed. Around them a group of youths chanted along to their simple beat and danced barefoot in the ankle-deep puddles that remained from that morning's storm. As I looked at their braided hair and home-made clothes, I could not help but be reminded of the old Vietnam War protesters I had seen so many times in movies and news clips. These were the people I had been expecting today. To my surprise, however, they were few.

Surrounding the nostalgic dance circle were crowds of every day Americans who were content to keep their shoe-clad feet on dryer ground. Some carried signs or banners but most quietly made their statement with their presence. Walking among them was like walking through a crowded mall. There was no dominant race, gender or social group. There were senior citizens and teenagers, Muslims and Christians, blacks and whites, Hispanics and Arabs, frustrated young demonstrators carrying inflammatory signs and middle age men carrying their children on their shoulders.

Early crowd estimates put the number of protesters at around 3,000. If this is true then there must have been 3,000 different arguments against the war. Each person had followed their own trains of logic and attained their own motives for being there that day. Though there were many arguments, they had all reached the same answer, no war with Iraq.

I met David Schiller in the park. He was a middle-aged Houstonian who had come down to the protest with his wife. He explained to me that he, like many people his age, was active in the protests of the '60s and '70s.

"It's something that's been ingrained in me my entire life," Schiller explained.

He and his wife were only two of the many middle-aged protesters there who were simply continuing the political activism of their youth. Schiller felt that what they were doing was a natural part of being a citizen and that protesting at any age should not be seen as odd.

"It's nice to be able to come out and still express your opinion. Its what being an American is all about," he said.

Other protesters were drawn by more spiritual motives. Father Timothy Gray, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, felt that President Bush was in violation of the Just War Theory held by the Catholic Church.

"A preemptive war is unjust," Gray explained. "You have to exhaust all other methods before you go to war."

Gray felt that the conflict was a simple moral issue and applauded the Pope and the Catholic Bishops of the United States for condemning Bush's plan.

Father Gray was not alone in his argument. Several Protestant churches, as well as at least one Muslim organization, sent representatives to the rally. Carol Ashton, a clergywoman of the United Church of Christ, echoed many of Gray's comments.

"I'm here because I'm committed to non-violence in every aspect of life whether it be in one personhood or in social justice or even in our politics," Ashton told me.

She explained that her church held non-violence as a major moral teaching and, though she avoided politics on the pulpit, she endeavored to make her congregation understand war's moral implications.

"The spirit of Jesus is non-violent," Ashton said, summing up her convictions.

Others held a more secular view of the war. I met two Muslim high school students who were both first-generation Americans, Sanaa Adi, of Palestinian descent, and Leenah Salem, of Egyptian heritage.

"Its not about religion or anything, its about people," Salem explained.

Both were concerned about the loss of innocent lives. Adi was especially fearful that a war in Iraq would encourage Israel to invade her homeland.

A little after 2 p.m. the crowd began its march towards Tranquility Park. They wound through downtown Houston, then proceeded down a steep hill to where a stage had been erected. The walk was no more than half a mile, but the crowd formed a line so long that it took more than 30 minutes for the stream of people to trickle off.

The parade was peaceful and orderly with one exception. Tensions rose slightly toward the end of the march where a group of counterprotesters had assembled behind a row of police. I spoke with one of them, Dana Petroni, about their message.

"We're out here to show that there is another point of view, that a majority of the American people do support the troops and do support what president Bush is doing," he said.

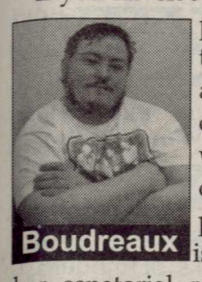
Though most of the protesters took the counter demonstration with a grain of salt, some were offended by the implication that they were un-American.

"For myself, I'm anti-war, but once our troops are committed I'm not going to be anti-troops…It's not about not supporting our fellow Americans, it's about not going to war in the first place," explained marcher Courtney Clarke.

After the crowd had finally assembled in Tranquility Park, a string of speakers, musicians and poets took the stage. Though many were both talented and moving, the true statement of the day was made by the size and diversity of the crowd listening. The two most basic tenants of democracy, honest dissent and peaceful discourse, had brought together a myriad of different people with different backgrounds. Under the shadow of war, this, at the very least, is a slight glimmer of hope.

Let's legalize marijuana

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Columnist


Boudreaux

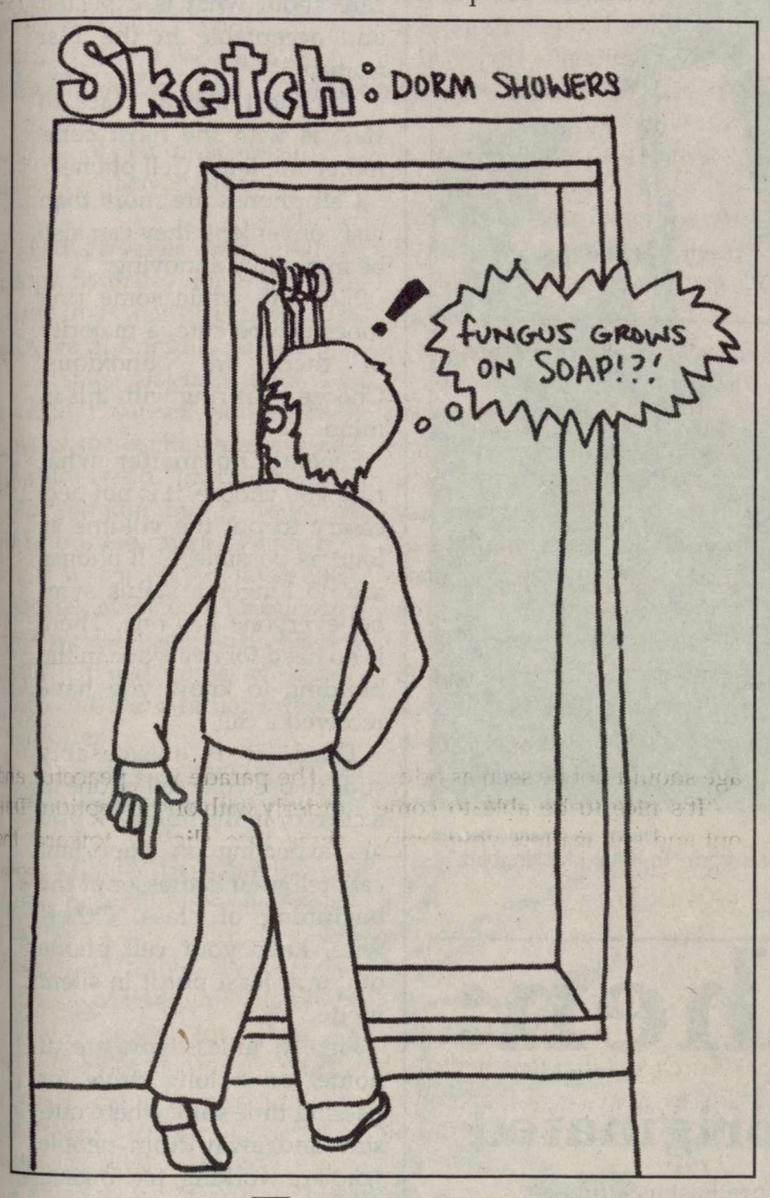
If you haven't figured out my political orientation by now, I am a Republican. I disagreed with Mary Landrieu's viewpoint on several issues during her senatorial re-election campaign. However, I do agree with some of her work.

The first issue Landrieu and I agree upon is the Single Lender Law. If passed, the law will allow college graduates to consolidate their student loans with the lender offering the best interest rate.

The second issue would be states' rights. I don't fear or even have a problem with large-scale bureaucracy; but I think certain issues should be decided on a state-by-state basis.

Although I can now consume alcohol legally, I firmly believe 18-year-olds should be allowed to consume alcohol in a responsible manner. I am not going to rehash the popular argument, that 18-21-year-olds can fight and kill for our country, but aren't allowed to have a beer.

The federal government doesn't set the drinking age outright, each state sets its own drinking age. But if the age is below 21, federal highway funds are withheld. This strong-arm tactic forces states to conform to the wishes of the Senate and House of Representatives.



If our state legislature wanted to lower the drinking age to 18, I would argue against it. Sounds contradictory right?

Not if you've ever driven on a Louisiana highway, then you too would argue against the lowering of the drinking age. Louisiana can't afford to lose millions of dollars in highway funds.

I am disappointed the government views 18-year-olds as adults in criminal proceedings, and will sometimes even try minors as adults. When you turn 18, you can own a home, business or even run a bar, because 18-year-olds can serve alcohol. The state says you are an adult in one area of your life, but forces you to be a three-year second-class citizen.

But for all their complaining about inequality, 18-25 year-olds are still the most under represented age group. If I were a politician there would be no need to campaign for these issues. The very group the legislation is aimed at can't even be bothered to visit the voting booth. If you just want to complain about the issue in your dorm room go ahead, but if you want to make a difference write our senators and legislatures and be sure to vote in the next election.

While Congress is changing the drinking age, I think it should change the marijuana laws as well. According to a TIME/CNN poll, 80 percent of Americans believe pot should be legalized for medicinal purposes.

Like most of you, I have heard the government message that pot can lead to other "harder" drugs. To get validation all I have to do is look among my peers. If you survey your friends, of those who have tried pot a high percentage of them will have tried other drugs as well.

When I was an area coordinator in the dorms, a high administration official once told me that I was too adamant against people smoking pot recreationally. She went on to say that not every person who smokes pot does heroin and that marijuana was essentially a harmless drug.

I agreed that not everyone goes on to shoot H, but asked how many of those who have used heroin tried pot first? She had no answer. I would venture to say most heroin users tried pot.

I want to change the federal law so that a state can let its citizens use marijuana for *medicinal* purposes. If a majority of voters want to have pot as an alternative to pharmaceutical drugs they should.

Pot could be used by cancer victims to ease their pain and increase their appetite.

Chemotherapy patients appear to get well sooner and are able to gain weight because they are not as nauseas after treatment. Pot also seems to be effective in reducing stutters for people with Turret's Syndrome and reducing attacks for epileptics.

Unfortunately the federal government has not allowed much research into the medicinal usage of pot. Congress needs to allow the citizens of each state to make a decision on medical marijuana. The first step towards this goal is the authorization for more testing.

If marijuana is used medicinally it could lengthen and improve the lives of those afflicted with illnesses. If marijuana is used recreationally it could lend itself to more serious drugs and drug habits.

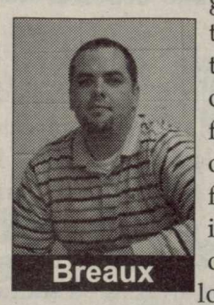
But marijuana will not be made available to the sick, the drinking age will not be lowered to 18 and Congress will not pass the Single Lender Law if legislators don't hear from you and thousands of other concerned young people like you.

Homeland Sercurity Advisory System: Know your colors

By Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

■ *Information courtesy American Red Cross at Redcross.org*

Unless you have been living in a hole somewhere in Starks, La., you most likely have heard of America's Homeland Security Advisory System. If you are unfamiliar with the system, the following colors may jog your memory: red, orange, yellow, blue and green. No, these are not the fruity colors that can be found in a box of Trix. These five seemingly innocent colors are no longer shades of crayons that lie in the yellow cardboard Crayola boxes; they are colors that strike fear in the hearts of Americans.


Breaux

Just last week CNN reported that Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge raised the terror alert level from yellow (elevated) to orange (high). During the same week CNN also reported that Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Americans need more than duct tape and plastic sheets to protect themselves from terrorist attacks. The elevation in security sure does sound dangerous, but what does this mean to you and how much duct tape are you going to need to keep those pesky terrorists out of your home.

Let us start with the rainbow of colors that is known as the Homeland Security Advisory System.

First, there is the green or low alert. The American Red Cross suggests obtaining information about terrorism from the local Red Cross chapter, developing a personal disaster plan, taking a CPR class and looking into volunteer opportunities in the community. Again green is the lowest level of alert, so there is no need for large amounts of duct tape and James Bond surveillance equipment, yet. The Kaleb Breaux Duct Tape Advisory reads 1 roll per individual during a green alert.

Second is the blue or guarded system. Americans are urged to be alert to suspicious activity, review disaster supplies, develop emergency communication plans with their families and provide volunteer services, if necessary. You may need two rolls of duct tape for this alert.

Then there is the yellow or elevated alert. Those of us who are on terrorist watch should be alert to suspicious activity, ensure disaster kits are well-stocked, check telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are updated and develop alternate routes to places of work or school. You also may want to consider constructing that duct tape bulletproof vest that you have talked about for years. The Kaleb Breaux Duct Tape Advisory reads 10 rolls per person.

Next is the orange or high alert. The advice for this alert is similar to the yellow alert, with the addition of using caution when traveling, having shelter in place materials on hand and donating blood. The Kaleb Breaux Duct Tape Advisory reads two cases per person. No seriously, two cases.

Finally, there is the highest alert of them all-the red or severe alert. The Red Cross advises citizens to listen to radio and TV for current information or instructions, be alert to suspicious activities, contact business to determine status of workday, adhere to travel restrictions, be prepared to evacuate and provide volunteer services. Because this is the highest advisory, the Kaleb Breaux Duct Tape Advisory reading is off the chart. You may want to begin construction of a new structure for storage; trust me you will need it for all the duct tape you are going need.

On a serious note, we must remember to very cautious in a time such as this. It is important to note any important phone numbers or contact information you may need during a time of evacuation.

Also, if you need to refuel your car, you may want to take out one of those $50 loans with the Student Government Association.

To those of you who have high aspirations: Dream big because you might be a U.S. president if you promote duct tape as the answer to the war on homeland terrorism.

■ **For more information about homeland security, logon to www.redcross.org.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Messages disappear from Vic's question board

Since last semester, the staff at Vic's has been reading and responding to messages written on napkins and posed on a message board. These range from food suggestions to compliments, and even a few questions about pricing. Late November, I saw a student-posted message that asked why the food was so expensive; the Vic's staff responded that they were only keeping up with the competition and proceeded to list as said competition Magee's, McDonald's, Domino's, and so forth. I responded to that response with a question: How can it really be called competition when on-campus residents MUST buy a meal plan and so have to fork over extra money to eat at any off-campus restaurants? My message was gone the next day, without having a response.

Two more times, during finals and last Wednesday, I posted essentially the same question, and both times my message vanished without a response. I would like to know why the food is so expensive. If it were for the service alone, most of the Vic's employees are nice, and I'd like to think that they're getting paid well, but something tells me that Aramark is not that generous. Of course, what we are paying for is food—food that, in my opinion, could at least taste better. Instead, we have to pay $0.98 for a tea bag (I noticed that this semester), over $3 for an omelet, and anywhere from $6 to $8 on seafood (which is, I might add, more expensive than Magee's, which charges less and serves more). Vic's doesn't' even cater very well to vegetarian and low-fat diets, unless one enjoys salads on a daily basis; and even then, the salad is $0.35 per ounce, which can add up to a dollar with just a few cherry tomatoes. Perhaps because Aramark holds a monopoly on campus catering it can price things ridiculously high. Perhaps the food has to go through several stages of detoxification after having been exposed to Cane River water, and such a process might be costly. I think that the student body should get a good justification from the Vic's staff detailing why we feel ripped off.

Eva De Leon

'I did not know cheating was even tolerated'

I was outraged during a recent class in which an instructor allowed cheating during a major test. The given setup of this particular test made it a little easier than usual to talk, therefore letting those more irresponsible, less intelligent individuals, feel more tempted to cheat.

However, I guess I was under the false impression that instructors were supposed to stop this sort of thing from happening. All of my teachers throughout the past 14 years of my education who kicked students out and failed them for cheating were actually just confused about proper disciplinary action, because apparently the correct thing to do is not take any at all.

How am I sure this particular instructor was aware of the cheating? He told me that he knew what was going on and was "just being lenient this time."

Has anyone else at this university graduated from kindergarten, because I have. By the time you are in college leniencies do not need to be taken in education. You either need to pass a class because you were responsible enough to study and know the material, or you need to fail and hopefully stop wasting the government or anyone else's money who thinks they are doing a beneficial thing by sending you here.

I did not know cheating was even tolerated at such a place of higher learning.

Well, I guess those of us who actually do study can stop now. Teachers say that they will give us decent grades no matter what. In fact, we should all double or triple major as long as they are handing out degrees for free.

Northwestern, maybe you should advertise that at Senior Day. It will be quite appealing to all those seniors who can't wait to party in college. Students will be happy to know that even more party time has opened up now that studying is no longer a necessity.

Amanda Koob
Sophomore, Nursing major

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NSU Theatre presents:

'To Kill a Mockingbird'

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Theatre Department is performing "To Kill a Mockingbird" nightly at 7:30 p.m. starting Feb. 19 and ending Feb. 28.

The play will be held in Theatre West, so seating is limited and expected to run out quickly.

Director Vicki Parrish anticipates a large turnout at each of the performances. She cites the popularity of the play as well as its positive and timely lesson as justification for so many performances.

This particular play was chosen in part as a celebration of Black History Month Parrish explained.

She feels that the play can teach a lot about the progress that has been made in race equality since the early 20th century. As a result, Parrish is trying to reach as many people with this performance as she can. This includes students as well as some groups outside of NSU.

"My major intent is to bring the high schools in," Parrish said.

Parrish also feels that the play is symbolic in that the cast is not predominately black or white.

She feels that this holds an important message not only for the audience but also for the cast. This fact also allows many of NSU's African American actors and actresses to take center stage.

"I want to showcase some of our black actors," Parrish said.

The play was completely designed by students of NSU. Emily Taylor headed set design, Amanda Reimer headed costume design, J. Justin Gutierrez headed light design and Jacob Smith headed sound design.

Photos by Amanda Breaux

Above: Paul Jannise (far right), as Sheriff Tate, performs a scene from "To Kill a Mockingbird." Levi Petree (middle), portrays Atticus.
Left: The "To Kill a Mockingbird" cast practices for opening night.

Mardi Gras now and then:

A brief look into how our own unique carnival season originated

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Did you know that New Orleans was not the first place Mardi Gras was celebrated?

Well, neither did Camila Prado, a sophomore business major from Columbia, South America.

"People in the states are so serious and at Mardi Gras they let it all out," Prado said. "America is organized and to see them get unorganized is fun. It brings people together...through alcohol, but it brings people together."

■ According to custom, the slice of King Cake containing the plastic baby carries good luck and the person is traditionally responsible for providing a King Cake at the next party or gathering.

Europeans celebrated Mardi Gras long before it rolled into the Crescent City in 1699. The ancient Romans celebrated the Lupercalia, a carnival similar to the modern celebration, in mid-February.

Mardi Gras came to the Americas via French-Canadian explorer Iberville. He sailed into the Gulf of Mexico on an expedition up the Mississippi River. On March 3, Mardi Gras day, Iberville and his crew landed 60 miles south of New Orleans and named the site Point du Mardi Gras in honor of this day.

By the early 1700s, the French began celebrating Mardi Gras in the New World. The pagan holiday was banned under Spanish rule in 1806 because the celebration became too rowdy.

The original celebration in the 1800s centered around masked people on public streets traveling by foot, carriage or horseback. The masked festivals were banned from 1817 until 1823 and in 1827 street masking was legalized.

The first documented parade was held between 1835 and 1838 and the season lasted from Nov. 1 to June 1.

At the time, Rome was greatly influenced by the early Catholic church and incorporated religion into the celebration instead of abolishing this ancient
holiday completely.

Carnival precedes Lent and thus gave a Christian influence to an ancient celebration. Mardi Gras begins on Jan. 6, "King's Day," and continues until "Fat Tuesday." Mardi Gras literally means, "Fat Tuesday" and this day falls every year between Feb. 3 and March 9. It is always 47 days before Easter Sunday.

Violence corrupted the Mardi Gras celebration in the 1840s and 1850s and it once again gained a negative reputation and the press called for an end to the celebration.

In 1857 the Comus organization, a group of six New Orleanians, formed the first krewe and organized the corrupted holiday. The Krewe of Comus organized the Mardi Gras celebration and started the customs of a Carnival society. They unified the festival by having a unified parade with floats and a ball following the celebration. Comus was also the first krewe to name themselves after a mythological character.

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Demon Decorum with KT

The other day, a couple of friends and I were discussing rudeness we encounter on campus. I began searching for source books of modern etiquette. I decided that, although I am no expert on decorum, I could share the fruits of my search in weekly installments.

I know no one cares about Emily Post or Miss Manners these days, but through talking with my fellow Demons I know that many people do care about what is expected and acceptable in the 21st century.

The most logical place to start is with the most common complaint: Cell phones.

Cell phones are more than just convenient; they can also be incredibly annoying.

First off, while some ring tones can be cute, a majority of them are obnoxious. Choose your ring with this in mind.

Second, no matter what ring you choose, it is not necessary to put the volume as loud as possible. Cell phones are no longer a status symbol-everyone has one. There is no need for everyone in the building to know you have received a call.

Third, it is inexcusably rude to use your cell phone in a class or in the library. If you are expecting an important call, tell your professor at the beginning of class. Otherwise, keep your cell phone off, or at least put it in silent mode.

Finally, unless you are at home, on a long drive, or passing time somewhere outside and away from people who are working, try to keep your conversation brief.

For some reason people seem to scream into their phones, and no one wants to hear a random one-sided conversation at full volume.

By remembering that you should focus your attention on the friends you are spending time with, not the person who is on the phone, and keeping the other people around you in mind, you can avoid the groans and eye-rolls that commonly accompany public cell phone use.

Next week—Roommates

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Weekly Horoscope

Courtesy of KRT Campus

■ **Aries (March 21-April 20).** Business negotiations are annoying this week. Remain patient and avoid public discussions. After Friday, a close friend may request detailed family or romantic advice. Be supportive. Strong opinions are needed.

■ **Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Wisdom and social diplomacy are strong assets this week. After Tuesday, expect a friend or lover to present an unusual problem for consideration. Family history, conflicting values or complex social disagreements may be on the agenda. Realize that change is unlikely.

■ **Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Money and long-term family security require detailed discussion this week. Listen carefully to the advice of friends. After Friday, a new attraction may be distracting. Passionate encounters are delightful but brief. Stay balanced.

■ **Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Business partnerships may seem abrupt or strained this week. Pay close attention to established power struggles between authority figures.

■ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Work discussions are misleading this week. Even though officials and colleagues are cheerful or optimistic, recent policy changes or workplace improvements may be bothersome. Watch for unexpected emotions or subtle criticisms. Take none of it personally. Tensions will soon be forgotten.

■ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Over the next few days, romantic seduction will captivate your time and attention. For many Virgos, a new attraction or surprising proposal may soon arrive. Emotional energy is positive and rewarding this week.

■ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Family and romantic pressures are intense before midweek. No lasting effects can be expected, so not to worry. Do, however, watch for lovers and close relatives to strongly disagree concerning schedules, traditional roles or family functions.

■ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Social messages will be confusing this week. Quick disagreements or group tensions may be amusing. Private passions will be high. Accept all invitations and watch for subtle changes in key friendships.

■ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Late Tuesday, a colleague may ask for personal advice or special favors. Remain cautious. Although no long-term affects can be expected, workplace politics may be privately complicated. If possible, avoid public statements or unusual requests. After Thursday, hidden romantic attractions will be made obvious.

■ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Romantic flirtations are extremely distracting this week. Although all is well, do avoid mildly unethical romantic overtures or workplace complications. Over the next few days, private relationships may interfere with important public or business events.

■ **Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Early this week, revised work assignments may demand extra concentration. Apply new mental energy to ongoing team problems and all will be well. Some Aquarians will also encounter a series of newly assigned projects.

■ **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Love and long-term relationships will soon be back on track. Late Tuesday, expect close friends to no longer influence the feelings or actions of loved ones. Private romantic promises and new intimacy are strongly accented over the next few days.

Movies to be released on video Tuesday, Feb. 25:

"Belle's Magical World"

"Knockaround Guys"
- John Malkovich

"Road to Perdition"
- Tom Hanks

"Snipes"
- Sam Jones III

"The Tuxedo"
- Jackie Chan

"Tuck Everlasting"
- Alexis Bledel

Calender of Events:

Feb. 20- Stress Workshop, 6:30 p.m., President's Room ■ Cultural Explosion, 7 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
Feb. 24- ΑΦΑ Freestyle Contest ■ Freedom Fighters of America, 7 p.m. Senior Art Show, Marque Nelson, Open through Feb. 28th
Feb. 25- ΑΦΑ Auction ■ "Satire or Sacrilege?" 6 p.m., Ora Williams T.V. Studio
Feb. 26- ΑΦΑ Talent Show ■ ΔΣθ Distinguished Gentlemen's Informational, 7:13 p.m.

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Mardi Gras history

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The Civil War delayed the Mardi Gras celebration until Comus' return in 1866. In 1871, the King Cake, a New Orleans tradition baked with European influence, was born. A young woman was presented with a golden bean in a cake and she was the first queen of Mardi Gras.

The traditional oval cake honors the three kings that visited baby Jesus on what is known as "King's Day" or the "Epiphany." The shape of the cake signifies the unity of all faiths. A small plastic baby is baked into all of the cakes symbolizing baby Jesus. This "search for the baby" refers back to the biblical story of Christ.

According to custom, the slice containing the plastic babe carries good luck and the person is traditionally responsible for providing a King Cake at the next party or gathering. The cake is decorated with purple, green and gold, the official colors of Mardi Gras. Purple signifies justice, green faith and gold power. The krewe of Rex debuted in 1872 and assigned these three colors as the official colors of Mardi Gras.

The krewe of Rex also introduced the first daytime parade and "If Ever I Cease to Love" as the Mardi Gras anthem.

World War I cancelled Mardi Gras during 1918 and 1919. Its existence struggled during the Great Depression and was resurrected in 1934 by the krewe of Alla. However, World War II cancelled Carnival in the 1940s.

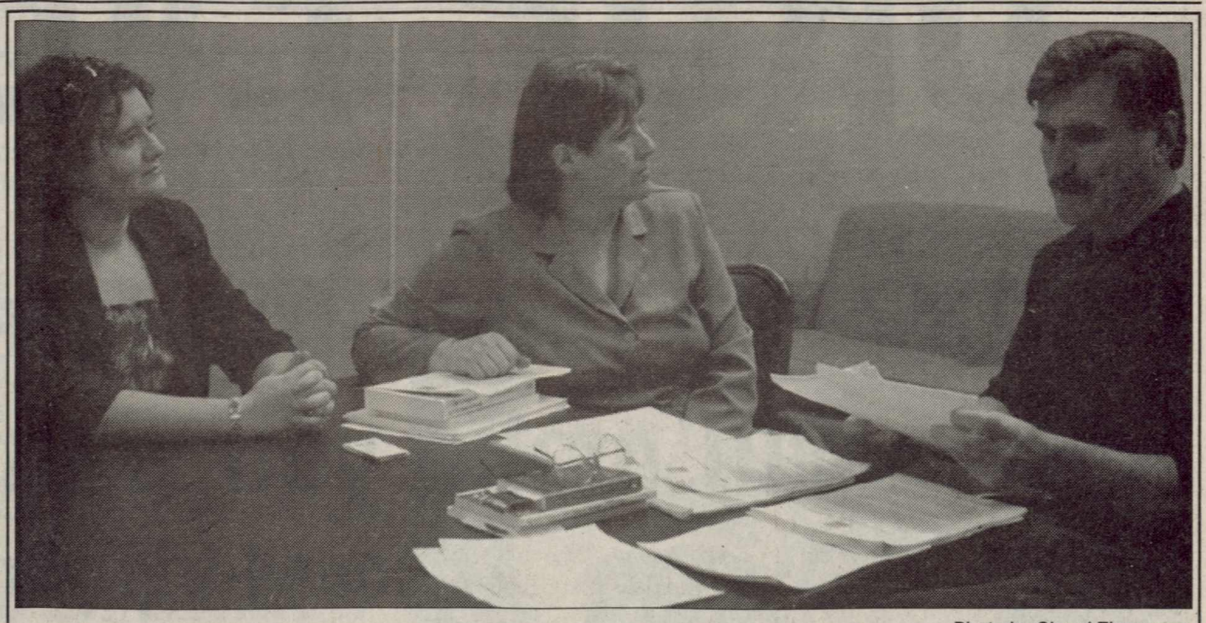
By the 1950s mule-drawn floats were replaced by ones drawn by tractors. Several new krewes formed including Zeus.

In the 1960s, national eyes observed the south when Hollywood celebrity Danny Kaye ruled as King of Bacchus.

In the seventies the French Quarter parades were banned and ended a 117-year tradition.

By the end 1980s more than 600,000 people crowded streets on Fat Tuesday to scream the well-known phrase "throw me something, mister!"

Common throws at a parade include beads, doubloons and cups. The beads resemble the jewels that royalty wore. Doubloons shimmer in various colors and are stamped with the krewe's theme for the year. The krewes also launch cups from the floats in a parade. Other throws include candy, stuffed animals, Frisbees, spears, roses, balls, whistles and even underwear.



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Alcohol workshop

Erica Caillouet, Gloria Mayrand and Johnny Casey hosted the ACOA alcohol workshop Tuesday. The workshop was geared to students who suspect or know that their parents have a drinking problem.

Krewe of Kaninus parade weathers storms

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Natchitoches went to the dogs Saturday for the second time in as many years with the Krewe of Kaninus parade.

A day plagued with bad weather caused some uncertainty for Tenita Dorsey-krewe founder-and participants in the parade, but it went off without too much of a hitch.

"It was a very chaotic event because we weren't sure when we would get going," Dorsey said. "It was going to be perfect, but the weather threw us off-kilter."

A parade organization for dogs and their owners, the Krewe of Kaninus, came to Natchitoches by way of New Orleans, where Dorsey once lived. She marched in the Krewe of Barkus parade with her dog, Madison, and they "had a ball."

Dorsey, an NSU graduate, returned to Natchitoches with several ideas to enhance the town. One idea was to bring the canine parade from the Big Easy to the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, an idea she made good on.

Last year's parade was about 50 dogs strong, a far cry from the over 1,000 dogs Dorsey marched with in New Orleans.

This year's parade brought the number of furry participants up to 75.

In addition to costumed dogs and owners, the parade featured McGruff the Crime Dog, the Natchitoches Central Jazz band and a creeping Natchitoches Fire Department truck.

The route began and ended at the circle in front of Dominic's with the parade moving north on Front Street.

Despite a miss start by some of the floats, Dorsey said the whole event was "adorable."

"Turn out was great and we want to thank the people who braved the weather, and the people who were in the parade because it's a lot to brave the weather," Dorsey said.

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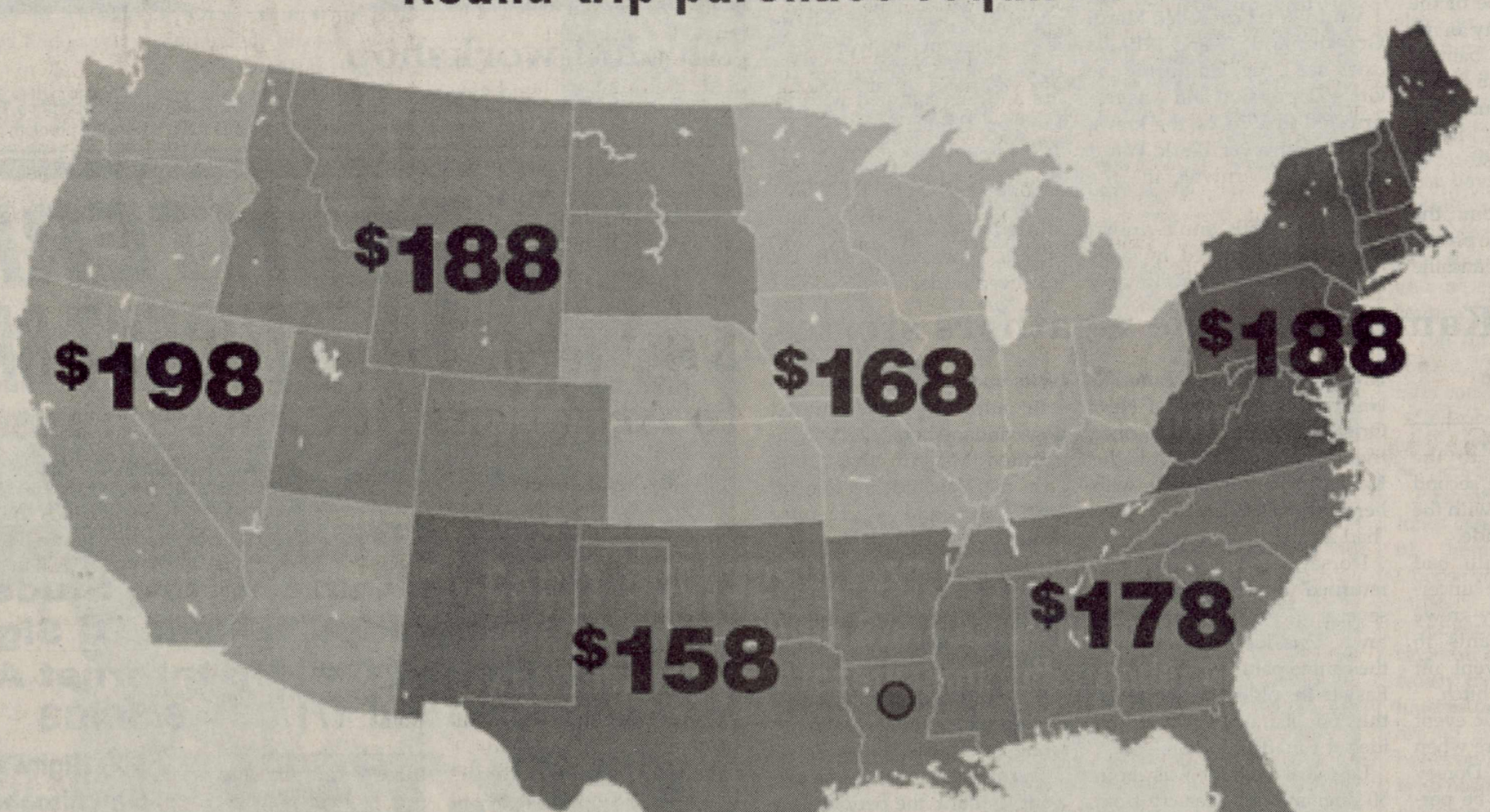

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SPORTS

Cowgirls take Demons to two a game slump at home

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons' recent slump continued on Saturday with a loss to the University of Louisiana-Monroe 80-71.

The loss was the second straight at home for Northwestern State, and the third loss in the last four games for the Lady Demons.

The last time NSU lost two at home was the 1996-97 season, and this was the only losing season for Head Coach James Smith.

"It's not our style to lose two in a row especially at home, just tough," senior point guard Anna Means said.

Northwestern drops to fifth in the Southland Conference while UT San Antonio holds on to first place with UT Arlington in second place.

"It's not our style to lose two in a row especially at home, just tough..."

-Anna Means
NSU point guard
about the loss against ULM on Saturday

ULM (11-10, 8-6 SLC) shot 43 percent from the floor but hit 50 percent in the second half to seal the win against the Lady Demons (12-9, 9-5 SLC), who went cold, shooting only 33 percent on the game.

"In the first half we came out and did an excellent job, but in the second half we came out half cocked and didn't finish strong like we should have," Means said.

La' Terrica Dobin picked up 16 points and 13 assists with Katrina Swanigan scoring 13 followed by Amanda Bennett's 11 points. Jami Callais had 10 points and a team-best 9 rebounds.

The Lady Demons said that the loss was disappointing and heartbreaking. They said to break the slump they need to pull together and play with a lot of guts.

"Until we play like a team, we won't win a game," Callais said.

On Feb. 13, the Lady Demons suffered another heartbreaking loss at the hands of in-state rival McNeese 77-74.

The Lady Demons were out rebounded 49-29 by the Cowgirls. Dobin had another solid night scoring 20 points and dishing out 11 assists. Bennett and Diamond Cosby came off the bench to give NSU 14 and 10 points in the loss.

Up next for the Lady Demons is Nicholls State tonight and then a rematch against ULM on Saturday.

Last time Nicholls State faced Northwestern State it resulted in a loss for the Lady Colonels. The Lady Demons shot 49 percent on Nicholls in the blowout win and helped NSU win their fourth straight.

NSU is looking to shoot better than 33 percent against the Lady Indians and try to revenge the loss at the hands of ULM Saturday. The Lady Demons hope to break the slump and to start playing like the "favorite" in the Southland Conference.

"We cannot think about the playoffs right now, we have to win our next game first," Dobin said.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Lady Demons, Jami Callais and Katrina Swanigan, double team a ULM player during Saturday's game. Demons lost 80-71.

Demons loses to UL-M, lack of scholarships drop recruiting

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons came close but could not reach the top as they went down, 75-63 against University of Louisiana-Monroe Indians Saturday afternoon.

The Demons are (4-17 overall, 4-10 in SLC). The Indians are (11-11, 7-7).

Saturday marked the Third Annual Basketball Homecoming, with former players, coaches, trainers, managers and family members from the men and women's basketball teams.

ULM was up to a 21-point lead late in the half but NSU fought back to end the half at 47-31.

NSU went on a 14-5 run early in the second half to pull within eight with 13:13 to go on a high flying dunk by Jermaine Wallace.

The Demons were still within striking distance when Wallace came through with another air attack with 3:14 to go in the contest.

The Demons could not buy another basket for the remainder of the game while ULM continued the hot shooting on six unanswered points to take full control.

Three of the NSU frontcourt players fouled out, Alfonzo Dyer, Carl Jones, and Byron Allen. An action that put NSU at a big disadvantage with no one to fill the holes.

NSU did get a game-high 21 points from Wallace and 13 from Tyronn Mitchell.

Northwestern is expected to get their leading shot blocker, Jermaine Spencer, back after he has missed three games with a concussion. He ranks fifth in the SLC with 1.3 blocks per game.

The Demons have the nation's youngest Division I team with 12 freshmen but that is not an excuse for the combination of losses from the players nor the coaches.

"It's very disappointing in the lack of wins; however, we feel like we have laid a good foundation for the future," said head coach Mike McConathy.

"The effort has been good under the circumstances as long as we continue to just play hard."

The number of scholarships did have some effect on the amount of quality players in some positions but the Demons found a way to put together a great team.

"We have a lot of great players coming in to the mix next year," said McConathy. "For example, we have a guard sitting out now, 6'3", good handles, shooter, passer, but needs to get stronger."

When asked about the losses maybe having some judgment of his job status it is totally out of the question.

"Any competitor always works harder when they have faced adversity," said McConathy. "We will be improved next year because we will be more experienced and stronger."

The Demons go on the road for two games starting Thursday against Nicholls at 7p.m. and Saturday against Louisiana-Monroe.

NSU tennis takes UL-L 4-3, travels to Arkansas State on Thursday

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State women's tennis team beat the University of Louisiana Lafayette 4-3 on Sunday for their first win of the 2003 season.

Under cold and wet conditions, the Lady Demons picked up big wins in the doubles and single matches to take the victory over the Ragin' Cajuns.

NSU game on Saturday against North Texas was cancelled due to bad weather.

In the doubles point, the number two duo of Anneline Zerwick and Alexandra Nieto beat the Ragin' Cajuns 8-3. Camila Prado and Kristen Pagels won their doubles point by default.

The Lady Demons then proceeded to win the doubles point 2-1.

The Lady Demons won three single matches on Sunday to help pick up the win. Zerwick had a big win in the number two spot 6-4, 6-1. Prado won big over Lusso 6-2, 7-6 and Kristen Pagels won her match by default.

In the number one singles match Northwestern's Eliza Young lost a 6-1, 6-4 decision to Robin Singh, while Katy Wallace and Nieto each lost their singles matches.

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LSU Tigers roar past NSU

Courtesy of Sports Information

Seventh-ranked LSU continued its knack for dramatic wins over Northwestern State Wednesday night by getting the winning run in the bottom of the seventh of a 2-1 first-game victory as the Lady Tigers swept the Lady Demons in a matchup of two 2002 NCAA Tournament softball teams.

LSU (9-3) took the second game 5-0, leaving Northwestern winless in four games heading into its Southland Conference debut at home Saturday against two-time defending league champion Southwest Texas State.

The second-game blowout ended a string of six meetings between the teams decided by a total of eight runs, all in LSU's favor, including an extra-inning thriller in the opening round of last spring's NCAA Tournament.

In the opener, LSU took a first-inning lead on an unearned run that scored on Sara Fitzgerald's double. Neither team scored again until the seventh, when Northwestern rallied with two outs.

Lindsay Leftwich walked and pinch-runner Lauren Fitzpatrick scored on a double by losing pitcher Amanda Ortego, who moved up to third on the play at the plate. However, Kristen Schmidt (5-3) struck out Krystle Nichols to keep the game tied 1-1.

The Lady Tigers won it after Blair Smith lashed a one-out triple and scored on Morgan Steege's single, spoiling a five-hit, six-strikeout performance from Baton Rouge native Ortego (0-1).

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Demons hit streak, Boop SLC Player of the Week

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Demon designated hitter Josh Boop was named this week's Southland Conference Hitter of the Week while leading the Demon baseball team in last weekend's sweep of Jacksonville State University at home and Tuesday night's sweep of the Ragin' Cajuns at ULL.

Boop, who led the Demons this weekend with a .529 batting average, had four RBIs at Friday night's win against the Gamecocks. Cranking a two-run single with bases loaded, Boop also started the six-run inning that ultimately left the Gamecocks in the single digits.

"He is the team's spark plug," head baseball coach Mitch Gaspard said of Boop. "If that guy gets to first, it's a triple."

The 10-3 win made a good night for senior pitcher Casey Johnson as well. For the second game in a row, Johnson did not allow any earned runs.

The following day the Demons took their second straight game beating JSU 4-1.

With the game tied 1-1 Demons came up in the off of a Boop two-run single while Tyler Lyles sealed the game grounding out and allowing Michael Palermo to score.

Though the bat may not have been their strong point that night, the pitching shined through. Demon pitchers Clayton Turner and Cory Keener made for an excellent one-two punch on the mound allowing only four hits the entire night.

In the final game of the series against JSU the Demon's bats came alive once again. The Demons would never lose the lead after taking three runs in the first inning.

At the end of the game the Demons came out victorious with a final score of 9-2.

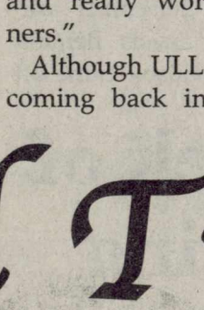
Many of the runs scored by the Demons in Sunday's game were off Gamecock errors, but the Demons have error problems of their own.

By the series' end the Demons had 12 errors for the season accounting for 20 unearned runs.

"The team's youth is not an excuse," Gaspard said. "We are young, but we had a few injuries too."

Both Hunter Thoms and Boop were defensively out of commission for the JSU series, but Boop was back and ready for the ULL rematch.

Boop continued his hitting streak with a three-run triple in the top of the second inning, but the real action, once again, happened on the mound.


Boop

"He is the team's spark plug. If that guy gets to first, it's a triple."
-Baseball Coach Mitch Gaspard
on Josh Boop's performance and role with the Demon Baseball team.

Senior Demon pitcher Zach Sanches pitched an amazing complete game shut out. Sanches gave up only five hits during the game with six strikeouts and no walks.

In fact, Sanches has not walked anyone in the 13.1 innings he has pitched this season.

"Zach Sanches was absolutely brilliant," Gaspard said. "He kept their hitters off-balance and really worked the corners."

Although ULL came close to coming back in the seventh inning, Sanches forced a ground-out double play with bases loaded to end the inning.

The win against ULL brought the Demons their fifth straight win as well as a season sweep of the Ragin' Cajuns.

Tomorrow the Demons will travel to the University of Louisiana-Monroe for the ULM Tournament.

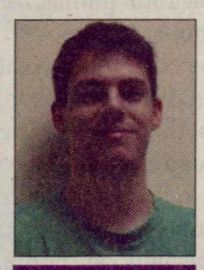
There they will play three games including Friday's game against the University of Northern Iowa, Saturday's game against the University of Missouri and Sunday's game against ULM.

The way I see it:
NSU Fans

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

NSU: Home of the So-called Fan.

Where, oh where have the Demon fans gone?


Barrios

Upon entering some of the games I have noticed an alarming trend of vacant seats flooding places like Prather Coliseum and Brown-Stroud Field and I wonder, where is everyone?

I always thought that college students were supposed to support their university's athletics. However, it seems that NSU has exempted itself from that unwritten rule with recent attendance hitting insanely low totals.

Why is it that on average the Demon basketball team sees less than 20 percent of the student body cheering them on?

They saw their largest crowds while on the road at the University of New Mexico, Oklahoma State University and Wichita State University who had between 46 percent and 57 percent of their student bodies at their games.

I don't think NSU has ever seen that many people at any sporting event other than the football team's annual last-ditch effort at a playoff berth.

The Demon baseball and softball teams do not have any more luck in bringing fans to their games.

Both teams have been lucky to bring more than 5 percent of NSU's total student enrollment. Even worse is that only about 30 NSU fans went to the men's series against LSU.

Even if you the Demons were going to lose, you could have at least gone to see the five-time College World Series Champions in action.

I sat next to a Natchitoches couple and their three children. They made the drive from Natchitoches to Baton Rouge on a Saturday to let their kids see the game while so many other so-called Demon fans went home for the weekend instead.

I'm sorry, but if a six-year-old can deal with the three-hour drive, the 30-degree temperature, the even colder hot chocolate and the obnoxiously obsessed Tiger fan three rows up, anyone can.

You would think that a team doing well would get higher attendance as well, but Demon fans proved that wrong in 2002.

Last season, the highest attendance for the Lady Demons soccer team was a whopping 99 people. Thank God for family members.

Does anybody remember how the ladies did last season?

Hmm... oh yeah they were the CHAMPIONS!

I just think it's dumb that we can pack an indecisive beauty pageant but we can't pry ourselves away from MTV long enough to go cheer for our athletic teams.

Fan participation is a must for athletics to survive anywhere, so why can't more people show school spirit by supporting the Demons?

It's not like the auditors will take back a win or anything.

The Rough and Tumble Girls of Boys' Sports

■ *Football, hockey and other sports, once considered for men only, are opening up to the opposite sex. Athletics with and without women's leagues are beginning to see a small crossover of the XX chromosome.*

In May Annika Sorenstam becomes the first women in 58 years to enter a PGA tournament.

She will compete in the Bank of America Colonial Golf Tour and feels she has a fair chance at the course.

The LPGA is supportive of her decision, knowing it will help her future and the future of the LPGA.

By Joshua Barrios and Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

For some time, women athletes have tried to break down the barrier between many gender bound sports, and now some women are.

Annika Sorenstam is the first female in 58 years to make the switch from the Ladies' Professional Golfer's Association Tour (LPGA) to the Professional Golfer's Association Tour (PGA). Sorenstam recently accepted an offer to play at the Bank of America Colonial Golf Tour in May.

Hnida

In 2002, Sorenstam shattered a LPGA record winning 13 tournaments.

"If you look at the way I play, I hit a lot of fairways and I hit a lot of greens, that's my strength," Sorenstam said in a Feb. 13 interview with ASAP Sports.

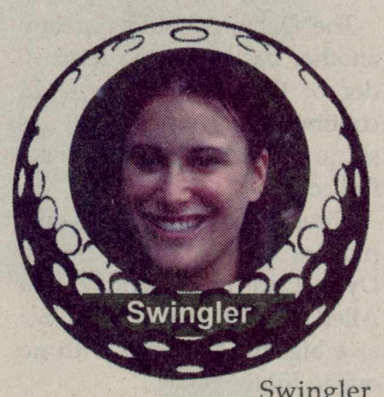
Though few have attempted her feat there are a handful of collegiate females athletes crossing over to male-dominated sports including the University of New Mexico's Katie Hnida and NSU's own Tiffany Swingler.

Hnida started football in high school before moving on to the University of Colorado. There she made college bowl history when she dressed out for the Insight.com Bowl.

While at Colorado, her teammates did not take well to her playing a man's sport. She recalled being knocked down buy the guys several times in high school, and times in college when the Colorado's quarterback would throw footballs at her head.

Katie made history again with New Mexico State when she attempted an extra point during the Las Vegas Bowl. The kick was blocked, but history was still made.

Though kicking in football is popular among women joining men's collegiate sports, NSU's Swingler has crossed over into a different sport, NSU's Inline Hockey Club.


Swingler

Swingler said that overall, being the team's only female is not always awkward.

Though she is treated well by her own team, Swinger admitted that other teams do take it as an insult when she scores.

While Swingler attempts to play along side men, she said she does not think women and men will play many professional sports together.

Even if it were allowed, the professional switch would be difficult for Swingler. The NHL often encourages checking where it is considered a penalty in inline hockey.

"You know you aren't going to be able to beat them physically so it becomes more mental," Swingler said. "You have to find other ways to beat them."

Swingler said she understands what Sorenstam is attempting to do.

"I think she's just testing the waters," Swingler said. "She's just taking the next step."

Sorenstam will be taking that next step by playing the Colonial Tour, but will return to the LPGA Tour immediately following.

Sorenstam said she hopes other women will take her lead and pick up sports including golf and see the opportunities available.

To prepare for the PGA, Sorenstam said she will practice harder to raise the level of her game and set new goals for this season.

Many are wondering exactly how Sorenstam will fair in the Colonial against the testosterone driven competition.

"You know what, that's one of the reasons I'm going because I have no idea," Sorenstam said. "I have no expectations of how I will finish."

As far as the end results go, Sorenstam is taking it all in stride.

"I just look at it as the biggest challenge I've ever had in my career and I'm thrilled about the opportunity," Sorenstam said.

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Comeaux/Manguno first SGA presidential ticket

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

Two of the SGA's most experienced senators announced their candidacy for student body president and vice president on Monday.

With the terms of current SGA president Stacie Cosby and vice president Jen Jensen ending after this spring, Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux filed his intent to run for SGA president with long-time senator Scott Manguno.

Comeaux's platform focused on:

- A new parking lot, more lighting, and an extended call box system.
- Extended the hours of all computer labs located in the residence halls, to reduce cross-campus walks at late hours of the night.
- A system that will give each student a computer account that will be accessible from any computer on campus. Files could be saved to these accounts, removing the need for students to carry floppy disks.
- Fulfilling the One-Card access and identification Initiative started by Cosby.

Manguno's platform also mentioned a few programs their administration would pursue:

- Changing the meal plan contracts to force campus food-service operator Aramark to refund any unspent money on meal plans to the students.
- Revitalizing the office of vice president and the senate as a whole by being "the students' advocate and the Senate's mentor." His statement said Manguno would go beyond the usual duties of the vice president and actively take on the responsibility of making the senate run smoothly.

SGA Elections 2003

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See Campus Connections, page 2, for filing details

Spring Fling schedule flung

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board announced the list of events for this year's Spring Fling.

Spring Fling will start Monday and end March 21.

The SAB will kick off the week Monday with Zap Attack Laser Tag at the Alley from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Tuesday they will hold a tune-in game show at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Wednesday will be the "Day of Service for the Natchitoches Community." The SAB is encouraging organizations to send students to serve from 2-4 p.m. at one of three activities. Students have a choice of reading at the Natchitoches Parish Library, making signs at the art center, and roping off areas for an upcoming city event.

The Student Union Ballroom will be outfitted with black lights for "The Ultimate Dance Party Experience" Thursday from 6-10 p.m. The SAB is trying to make this event as reminiscent of a rave as possible.

The SAB will end the week with a crawfish boil in the parking lot of Prather Coliseum from 1-4 pm. This event will feature the band Dollar $hort, big chair pictures, candy art, a mechanical bull, bumper cars, and a skydiving simulator.

Special Events Chair Jessica Breaux is especially excited about Friday's activities.

"We concentrated most of our efforts of Friday with the crawfish boil. There are plenty of things to do on Friday and there is free crawfish," Breaux said.

The event was moved from its traditional site in front of the Student Union.

"We didn't have enough space there. We needed more electrical outlets for all the stuff," Breaux said.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Terria Alexander is excited about the many new activities being offered at this year's Spring Fling. She emphasized the importance of having a diverse array of events.

"We like to reach as many students as we can," Alexander said.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

Administrators, past SGA presidents and state government representatives helped break ground on the new Wellness Center Monday. Few students, most of them SGA or student media representatives, attended the ceremony. From left: University President Randall Webb, SGA Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux, Physical Plant Director Chris Sampite, an unidentified man, Student Organizations Director Carl Henry, Student Affairs Vice President Dan Seymour, Student Organizations Assistant Director Luke Dowden, and former SGA president Alicia Thomas.

IM ground broken

Ceremony officially starts work on 6-year-old renovation plan

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

Monday's long-anticipated groundbreaking ceremony for NSU's new intramural building was met with little interest from the student body.

Despite wonderful weather, only about 20 students, most of them SGA members and journalists, and 20 administrators gathered to witness golden shovels turn the first pieces of sod.

Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux served as master of ceremonies because current SGA President Stacie Cosby was in Washington, D.C. on a Council of Student Body Presidents trip.

Comeaux announced that the new intramural building would be completed in the fall of 2004. Comeaux praised the efforts of former SGA President Alicia Thomas. In 1997 Thomas spearheaded a task force that visited schools in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, then drew up plans for a new IM building.

Thomas proposed razing the current structure, but after consulting with University President Randall Webb, she realized that a bigger building could be built for less money if the school renovated the IM.

"This is a day we've looked forward to for a long time," Webb said. "This facility is going to be an outstanding facility for our students. The nice thing about it is the students had the

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Tire slasher strikes twice

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Two tires were slashed on the passenger side of a student's car in the back parking lot of Boozman Hall over the weekend of Feb. 21-23.

A similar incident was logged at the University police station on Feb. 23. University Detective Doug Prescott is actively working on the case and was unable to supply any further information on the open criminal investigation.

Prescott said there were no witnesses to the crime.

Scott Manguno, one of the victims in the case, said he left his car on campus for the weekend while he attended a SGA conference and did not return to his car until late Tuesday afternoon.

"I was pretty upset," Manguno said. "I had to go to class and call a tow truck at the same time."

Manguno said he did not notice his flat tires on his 2001 Ford Focus when he returned to school on Tuesday. He said he started to move out his parking spot and heard the bumping sound of a flat tire.

Manguno said he did not find any other vandalism to his car, and he expects the nature of this crime was foul play.

"I walked to school once just for effect and to show displeasure of what they did to my car," Manguno said.

Manguno said he replaced the two flat tires and a man

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Graduate history program to be cut after spring

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

NSU's 38-year-old graduate history program will be terminated at the end of this semester.

The seven students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their studies and graduate from NSU with a master's degree in history.

The program's removal is due to a restructuring initiative approved last fall by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

According to the Board's Web site, the restructuring is part of an ongoing effort to increase the number of students completing graduate and undergraduate programs.

With only seven students currently pursuing a graduate degree at NSU, the program was included in a series of collegiate program terminations taking place across the state.

The academic restructuring also oversees the developments of new departments and programs, such as NSU's newly-acquired graduate psychology program.

Marietta Lebreton, director of the graduate history program for the past five years, said she understood the reason for the Board's decision but that the program's termination did not tarnish its reputation.

"We have put out excellent students," Lebreton said. "We have gone for quality, not quantity.

Lebreton added that NSU's graduate program's students have gone on to teaching positions and top-notch jobs in the National Park Service and preservation centers.

Graduate history student Jackson Galloway, 24, said the program's loss will ultimately hurt NSU's standing as a center of historical preservation studies.

"It kept me going with my research skills, and these professors have been wonderful to me," Galloway said. "They've been good about communicating and supportive of me wanting to graduate from this program, but it's going to be hard for the school and the community to lose it."

National Center for Preservation, Technology and Training (NCPTT) administrative officer Kevin Ammons also said he worried about the pos-

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
73°/55°	76°/57°	78°/55°
30% chance of showers	Partly cloudy	30% chance of showers

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IM

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wisdom in 1998 to vote to renovate and expand a building that is so wonderfully built."

Luke Dowden was the SGA president during the 1998 fall semester when students voted to approve plans which called for a cardiovascular unit and state of the art workout equipment.

Shawn Hornsby succeeded Dowden as president in 1999 and ensured that what the students voted for remained in the plans for the new building.

"Most of what took place in '98 was the hard part, the easy part was keeping it going, staying on top of it," Hornsby said. "Luke and Alicia deserve a lot of credit because getting the momentum going is the hardest part."

2000-2001 SGA President Dave Gunn drove up from Slidell, La., for the groundbreaking ceremony. During Gunn's administration, a technology lab was added to the plans.

"It's great that you're starting to actually see work done," Gunn said. "It has been a lengthy process, it has been a frustrating process for many but you can't say enough positives about this day."

Rusty Broussard was SGA president from 2001-2002 when the IM was supposed to be completed. Broussard said there were still problems making the plans compliant with state codes during his administration. But on Monday, Broussard looked forward to the day the IM will open.

"You'll just see this Taj Mahal of IM buildings," Broussard said. "This is something the students deserve. I mean, they paid the money for it."

Students have been wondering where their money is going to and have not been shy about approaching SGA officers and senators like sophomore political science major Mindy McConnell.

"I'm very excited, being on SGA I'm asked daily about the progress of the IM or the lack thereof," McConnell said. "I'm looking forward to being able to tell students that we're finally getting into the (construction) process of the new wellness center."

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>
> **-Rusty Broussard**
> ***2001-02 SGA President***

One of the special guests at the ceremony was former state representative Jimmy Long, who helped secure approval from the Board of Trustees for the IM building. The Board of Trustees has since become the Board of Regents, which Long now sits on.

"When you go before the governing authority, the legislature or the Board with a project that is entirely student funded with student fees they're highly complimentary, rarely do they go against those kinds of projects," Long said.

Long said many of the construction projects at LSU are funded through student-assessed fees and that LSU was not receiving special attention.

As for the actual renovation, workers put up a wire fence around the IM Wednesday, along with a dumpster and a portable toilet.

History

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sible blow to Natchitoches' preservation efforts.

Speaking from the NCPTT's on-campus headquarters, Ammons, himself a graduate of NSU's program, reflected on the possible repercussions of the program's termination.

"We have scores and scores of material archived here," Ammons said, adding that the most active researchers of that material were NSU graduate history students. "A large majority of the historical information about society is due to the graduate program at NSU and it's a shame that won't be there anymore."

Tires

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at the Natchitoches Ford dealership on Front Street confirmed that they were caused by two large punctures.

"It inconvenienced me tremendously," Manguno said.

Manguno said it is going to be very difficult to find the culprit to the crime.

"If they are caught, it would be a valuable lesson not to slash a person's tires," Manguno said.

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Police Blotter

Compiled by Glenn Ward

■ **March 5**

11:25 p.m. Police responded to a vehicle pulling a student on an inner tube through the IM field. The field was not damaged, but the students were told to leave. They did.

■ **March 6**

1:31 a.m. A theft was reported at Rapides Hall. At 1:33 a.m. a report was filed.

By 4:30 p.m., three students had been arrested in conjunction with the burglaries of the 3rd floor computer lab of the old Fine Arts building, the Fine Arts auditorium, and the KNWD studio earlier this semester. As of Wednesday, one student is still in jail and the other two were released on bond. "All three crimes are believed to be related," University Detective Doug Prescott said. Some of the stolen property has been recovered from all three of those crimes, and the case is still open.

■ **March 7**

11 a.m. A student called in to report an accident in the Watson Library parking lot. An officer responded at 11:06 a.m. to file a report and move the damaged vehicles.

■ **March 8**

5 a.m. A student's mother called the police from Texas because she was concerned about her son's welfare due to him being last seen at approximately 5:30 p.m. the previous night leaving Bossier Hall to go to dinner with his twin brother. The concerned mother said her son had never stayed out all night without advising her of his where-abouts. The mother also said that she had talked to the Bossier front desk worker and her son's twin brother several times but felt that she was not getting the complete truth.

At 5:10 a.m. an officer found the missing son in Bossier Hall hiding in another room. The student said he was mad at his mom.

11:31 p.m. A University Columns resident called to request an officer. When the station called the student back at 11:32 p.m., the student then said the situation was resolved, but she called back at 11:36 p.m. to report a vehicle fire near the 1100 building. The Natchitoches Fire Department was contacted and the fire contained by 11:48 p.m.

■ **March 10**

2:25 p.m. An '89 Chevrolet Capri was reported stolen from the Sabine Hall parking lot.

■ **March 11**

1:06 p.m. A report was filed for a student trying to run over a woman in the Student Union parking lot. Warrants have been issued for the persons involved.

9 p.m. An officer went to interview four people in the bed of a pickup truck in the Rapides Hall parking lot in response to a fireworks complaint. After the officer mentioned that he smelled marijuana, one person jumped out of the truck and started running towards Campus Corner. The foot pursuit was logged in at 9:20 p.m., and the city police were called for backup. The other people in the pickup were interviewed, and a description of the suspect has been recorded.

SGA Minutes 3/10/03

Present
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brosset
Gregory Comeaux
Andy Dye
Scott Manguno
Mindy McConnell
Kelli Miller
Casey Ponder
Alan Sypert
Chad Black
Rachel Murray
Josh Stelly
Zach Pulliam
Keith Gates

Absent
Luke Hutchinson
Chad Maggio

Amanda Breaux moves to approve minutes of last meeting. Chad Black seconds motion. Passed by general consent.

Treasurer's Report absent

VP Report absent

President Report Greg Comeaux: Stacie is in Washington right now, lobbying with Mary Landrieu on the Single Lender Rule. She will return next week.

Academic Affairs Mindy McConnell: Speaker legislation will be voted on next week.

External Affairs Amanda Breaux: Thanks to Andy and Casey for putting up election signs. Reiterated importance of getting ourselves out there to the students, senators need to follow through with promises and try to get external affairs department together. Web page will be up soon.

Fiscal Affairs Dustin Matthews: meeting tomorrow

Internal Affairs Greg Comeaux: The bill tabled at last meeting will not be rewritten. Need another non-SGA person to fill vacancy in election board will be appointed next week. Also, broke ground on IM today, thank you to Amanda and external affairs for going. It was a very nice ceremony.

Student Affairs Andy Dye: Made signs for elections. Discussed lighting on campus: will pick a time to find out what lights are out around campus and what potholes need to be filled. Meet your Senator Day on Tuesday and Wednesday. Sign up sheet will be in office.

Advisors Report Mr. Henry: Broke ground on wellness center today. It will be exactly what the students voted for four years ago. Just like Alicia Thomas (wellness center), Rusty Broussard and David Gunn (STAT), as senators you can make a big difference around campus. Wellness center will open in the fall of 2004. Have rewritten job description for director of wellness center, and will soon be hiring a director, an intramurals direction, and a secretary for the new building. Election filings have been slow," spread the word. Contractors working on Kyser roof will fix landscaping after construction is over.

SAB Report Andy Dye: Spring Fling coming up. Also, LOB reception will be on April 1.

Zach Pulliam enters.

Supreme Court Sharmyn Little: no report

Unfinished Business
None on agenda.
No motions

Jennifer Jenson enters.

New Business
Bill SP03-08 on organizational grants read by Greg Comeaux. Amanda Breaux moves to approve Bill SP03-08. Zach Pulliam seconds.
Discussion.
Roll call vote. Motion passes.

Bills SP03-09, SP03-10, SP03-11 tabled until next meeting.

Kelli Miller moves to approve Chad Black and Greg Comeaux for Student Trust Fund Committee. Zach Pulliam seconds. Motion passes by general consent.

Annoucements
Spread word about filings and vacated senate seats, turn into Rm 214 with $10 filing fee.
Please attend department meetings.
Traffic Appeals meeting was today most tickets coming from Fine Arts hill, and PE Majors.

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Healthfest 2003

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Spanish Club

Salsa Night will be on April 8 from 7-11 p.m. Raffle prizes include lunch bags, thermos, T-shirts and gift certificates.

The Spanish Club will be meeting every Wednesday until Salsa Night in 341 Kyser from 3-4 p.m. Raffle tickets can be turned in Friday by 1 p.m. in the Resource Center. Anyone who wants to bring a dish to Salsa Night can do so by contacting any Spanish Club representative. For more information, see your class representative.

Student Government (SGA)

The SGA is now accepting election filings. Filings will be open until Friday. Forms are available in the SGA office in Room 222 in the Student Union. All applicants who submit an application *must* have their picture taken in Kyser Hall Room 113 on Monday or Tuesday between 8 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Counseling and Career Services

The Spring/Summer Job Fair will be held on Monday in the Student Union Ballroom between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All students are welcome. Several nationally-recognized businesses, including Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Luby's, J.C. Penny's Information Technology, and Sherwin-Williams Co., will be participating.

Criminal Justice Job Fair

he fair will be in the Student Union Ballroom at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Joe Morris

Northwestern Environmental Organization (N.E.O.)

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sunday at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Freshman Factor

Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Addicts (ACOA)

The second open meeting in a series of organization and information sharing about growing up and/or being affected by dysfunctional family situations will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 221 of the Student Union.

The vision is to establish a support group and safe place that one can come to for help and information.

For further information, contact Gloria Mayrand or Michelle Roberts in the Alcohol & Drug Education Division of Residential Life at 357-5767.

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)

NABJ is looking for dedicated models of all shapes, sizes and cultures to be in our first-ever campus-wide fashion show in April.

If you would like to stroll down the runway, contact Janie Warren at 214-0535 or Tasha N. Braggs at 357-0425 for more information.

Self-Defense for Women

Rape Aggression Defense Systems, a class offered to women at any age, are scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 24 and 25. Sign up at the Natchitoches Police Department or call 352-8101 or 357-2239 for Officer Jenny Parker. Limited Space.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

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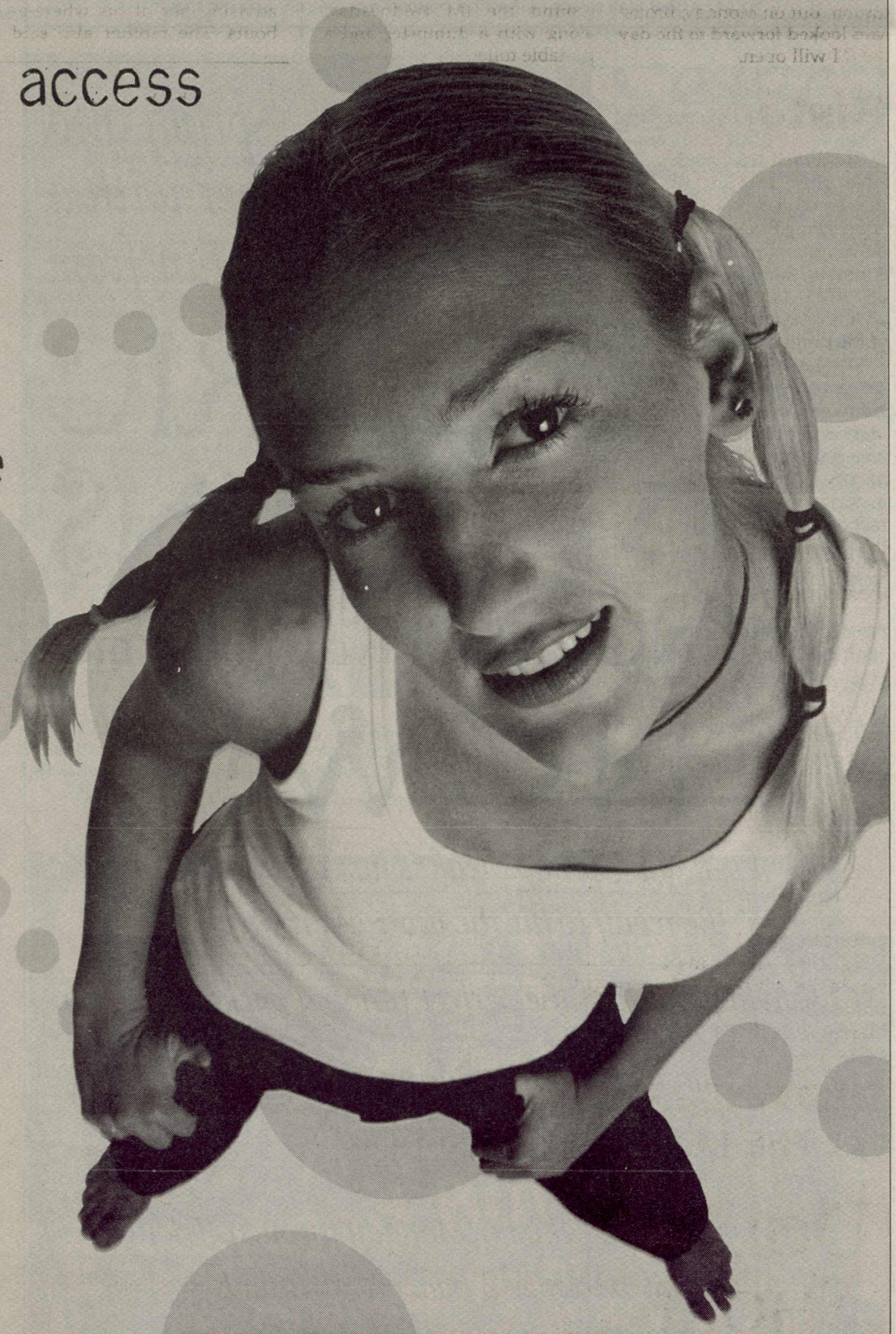

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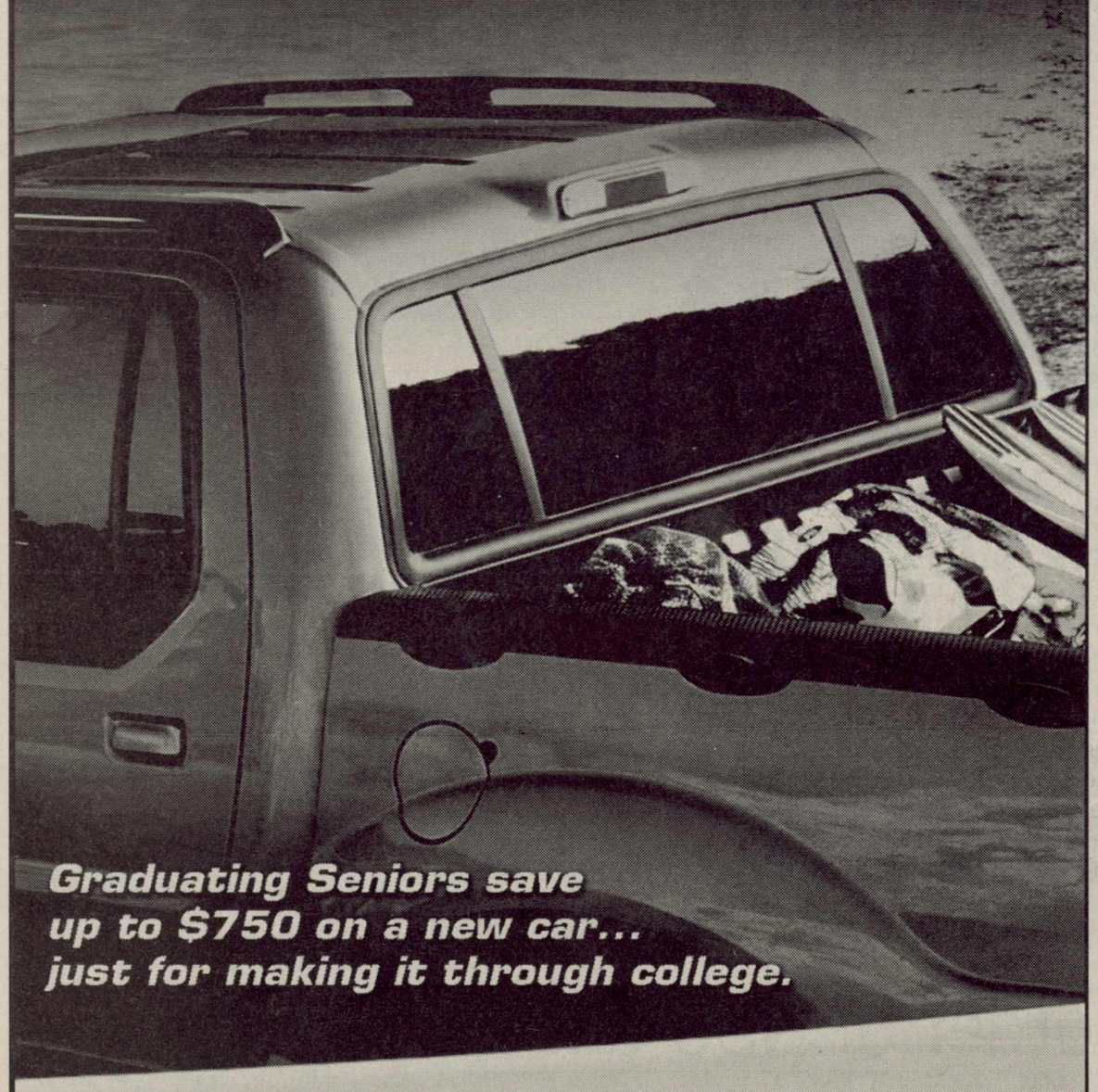

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Must have looks for the spring season

Asian-inspired tops, bright colors, and pinstripes among some of the many upcoming fashion trends

Photos courtesy www.marieclaire.comS

Short cardigans and wide skirts are hot items this spring.

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Spring time is here; the flowers are blooming, the sun is shining and shopping malls are bursting with new fashions for 2003.

Fashion magazine pages are filled with designs ranging from the Far East and to the old west.

A fresh look for spring are Asian-inspired tops with a pair of worn jeans. The long prairie skirt with a lacy camisole top is another look to obtain according to *Elle* magazine.

Roommates Kerry Flanagan and Mindy Gipson agree that Capri pants paired with brightly colored tops are a spring clothing necessity.

According to *Marie Claire* magazine, brightly colored tops ranging from electric blue to radiant yellow can also be worn with metallic or solid neutral colors. However, it warns only to wear this spring fashion only if you want to get noticed.

"I really want a micro-mini. Wet Seal is so my store," Sarah Jessica Rhodes, sophomore theater major, said.

If you have the legs, one sure way to turn heads this season is in a mini skirt ranging from suede to metallic.

The Bohemian style crossed from fall into spring with floral tops, beaded sandals, and of course leather according to Elle magazine.

Making a comeback from the '50s are the wide skirts, short cardigans and slim-fitting dresses according to *Marie Claire* magazine.

Pinstripes and polo shirts make up the preppy look for spring. As well as sport-inspired clothing that resembles warm-up suits and rugby-striped knits.

According to *In Style* magazine, it's all-natural for accessories this spring. Natural stone lariats and earth stone pendants are main accessory this season.

Pack up the wool, forget the cold and welcome the warmer weather with any one of these fresh looks for spring.

REVIEW

By Rob Morgan
Managing Editor

***Movie:* "Cradle 2 The Grave"**

The latest project teaming the baddest martial artists with the maddest rapper leaves audiences wondering if the director forgot his Ritalin during filming.

Combining too many undeveloped characters, unrealistic everything and more simultaneous fight scenes than the audience cares too keep up with, Cradle is a film study in clutter.

Courtesy of
www.cinema.com

Fait (DMX) is a master thief with a crew who apparently has more goodies than Batman's utility belt. After a heist gone wrong, Fait and company become the center players in international intrigue.

Due to a turn of events involving our overly angry burglar he's forced to team with Su (Jet Li), the soft-spoken, harmless looking Taiwan intelligence agent.

It sounds like a simple plot easily avoiding heavy layering of complex situations, but unfortunately after the introduction of an arms dealer, a wicked Taiwan double agent, a crime boss that works from a prison cell and an underground fight club the story goes wayward.

Tom Arnold, the aforementioned arms dealer, provides the only worthwhile dialogue despite its self-defacing nature.

In recap, X is gonna give it to you as long as it is not a worthwhile movie.

Courtesy of
www.hootiestore.com

***Music:* "Hootie and The Blowfish"**

In a time where hip-hop artists portray blacker than black thugs, Darius Rucker remains constant as the whitest-black guy in the music industry, and it's actually paying off.

Their fifth album since releasing the 1994 debut Cracked Rear View brings the band back to the familiar sound that won them two Grammies in 1996.

Beginning with a strong introduction, "Deeper Side" has a full sound and sets the tone of what's to come: a revisit of Cracked Rear View.

Blending together a mix of bluesy rock, soulful lyrics and the ever so molasses voice of Rucker, Hootie and the Blowfish have produced a must own album for the band's fans.

Not to leave out first-time or curios listeners, a few of the album's other tracks provide a little something new for everyone to enjoy.

Starting with the second track "Little Brother,"a song so smooth that it could serve as intro music for Samuel L. Jackson, and flowing through Hootie-esque songs to the emotional laden "Tears Fall Down."

In an album that carries its emotional baggage in a steamer trunk, there are a few songs that just forget the pain and carry through with the boogie. That's right, the boogie.

The album's highlights "Go and Tell Him" (Soup Song) and "Number 13"—or the hidden track—are the album's two up-tempo hits guaranteed to make you shake.

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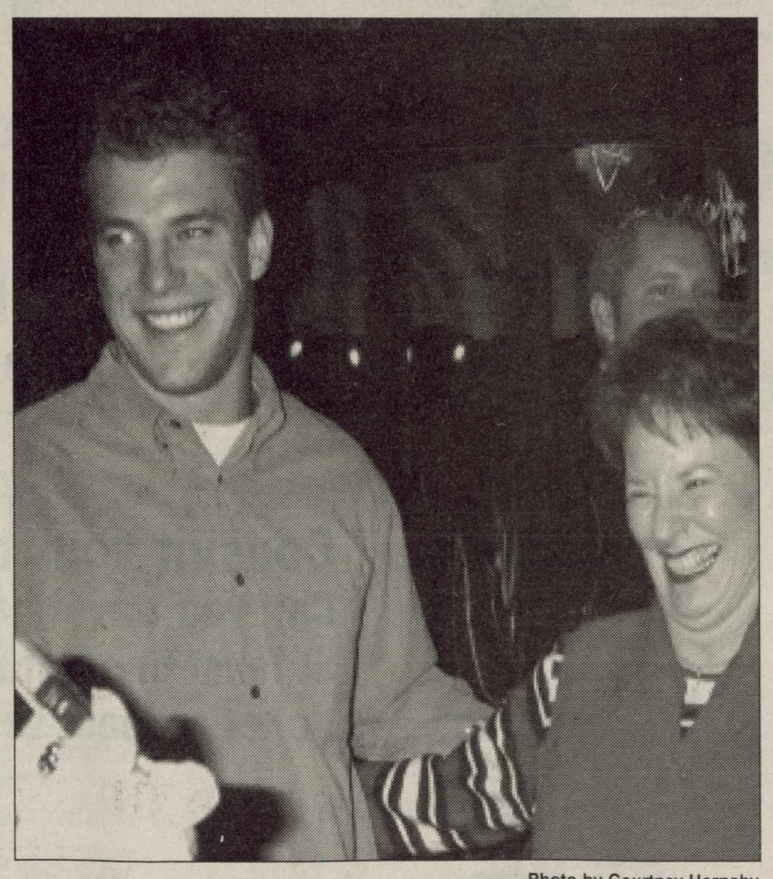

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ABC's "The Bachelor", Aaron Buerge, poses with local celebrity Peggy Plunkett inside Mama's restaurant. Buerge made a cameo at the Natchitoches Jazz and R&B Festival fund raiser last Saturday.

Demon Decorum with KT

I've always thought that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they tip.

Now, after being a waitress at three different restaurants, I know this is true. Many people now carry around laminated cards with tipping scales, and many cell phones have tip calculators built in.

However, if you aren't sure of what a proper tip should be, these tools are useless.

In restaurants, 15 percent is a good base tip. If the service is excellent, you may want to leave 20 percent or more. If the service is lousy, you are not obligated to leave any tip, but try to determine if the situation is entirely your server's fault. Remember to factor in all services (host, drink waiter, busboy) when leaving your tip.

When staying in hotels, $3-$5 per bag is a decent tip to give the bellhop. If you use the hotel's valet service, you should tip the driver $3-$5 every time he brings your car around. One of the best parts about staying in a hotel is not having to pick up after yourself, so leave the maid $5 per day in an envelope for picking up after your messy self.

In a salon, you only need to tip a shampoo girl a few dollars. You should tip your stylist 10-15 percent, depending on whether or not they own the salon. 10-15 percent is also sufficient for your manicurist, facialist and waxist.

Tipping after receiving body art is often neglected. For piercings, $10 is nice for a hole in your eyebrow, nose or lip. If it were below the belt, $20 would be more suitable. If you receive a tattoo, a base tip of 20 percent is appropriate. However, if the artist spends a lot of time customizing a design for you, you may want to consider 25 percent or more.

■ ***Katy Andres is a junior humanities major at the Louisiana Scholars' College. Her etiquette column will appear weekly in the L & E section.***

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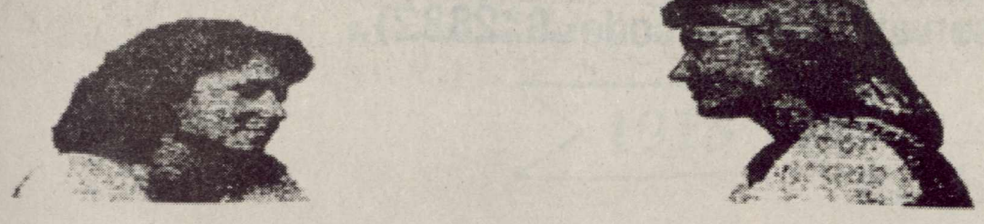

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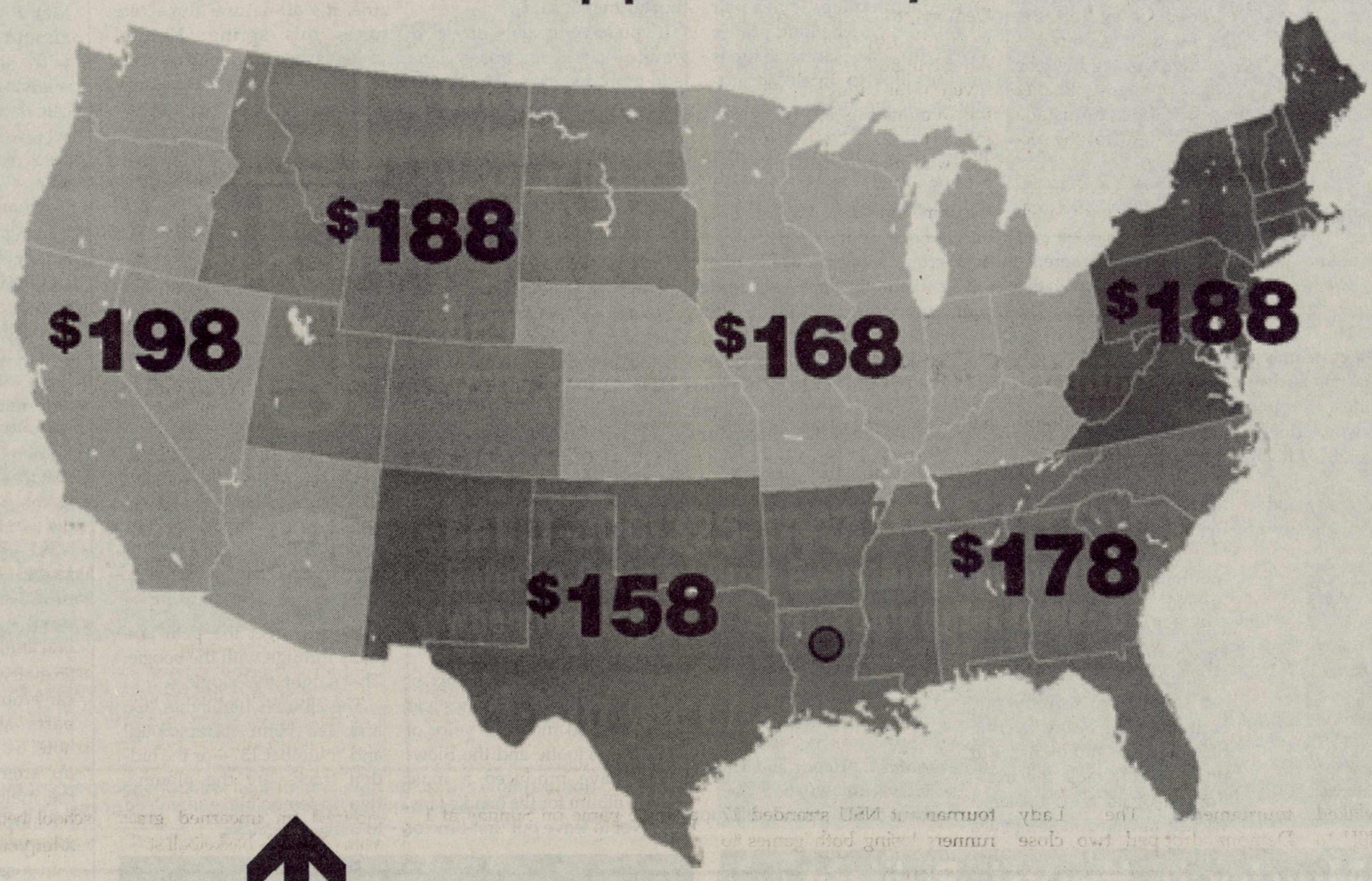

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SPORTS

Beads for balls: Demons 13-6 after break

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

While many from NSU were partying during Mardi Gras, the Demon baseball team brought their season record to 13-6 on a seven game road trip.

The Demons started off the 4-3 road trip Saturday, March 1 at Arkansas State University, where pitcher Casey Johnson's complete-game shutout allowed the Demons to defeat the Indians 8-0 and earned him the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week and the Louisiana Pitcher of the Week.

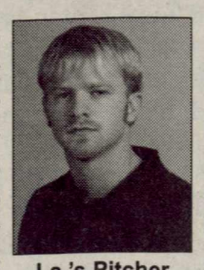
NSU split Sunday's doubleheader with ASU winning the first game 6-2 but falling 3-2 in the final game. The Demon's 10 game winning streak was shattered in the ninth inning of game 2 of the doubleheader when pitcher Al Scott allowed the winning run on a wild pitch.

Following the loss to ASU, the Demons dropped their Mardi Gras match up against the Centenary Gents. The Demon's three-point lead was not enough to hold the Gents as they won the game in the ninth inning 9-8 off the Demon's ninth pitcher of the night.

Last Friday, the Demons began a three game series against the University of Houston Cougars. In the first game of the series Casey Johnson pitched another complete-game shutout earning him the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week and Louisiana Pitcher of the Week for the second straight week.

"Casey just refused to let us lose tonight," head coach Mitch Gaspard said. "He battled and just threw a masterful game."

The Demons won that game 2-0 but were not as successful in the following game. On Saturday, the pitching battle continued with both teams combining to throw 16 strikeouts and only allow 10 hits on the night. Down only 2-1 in the sixth inning, the Demons could not score for the rest of the game and Cougars took the game 2-1.


La.'s Pitcher of the Week Casey Johnson

In the third and final game against the Cougars, the Demons took the series 2-1 with a win by Clayton Turner. After tying 4-4 in the top of the seventh the Cougars allowed the Demons to score two runs in the top of the ninth inning and win the game 6-4. Pitcher Zach Sanches did his part in the game stranding 10 Cougars on base during his no decision outing.

The Demons brought the action home Tuesday as they played the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The Demons dragged Little Rock through six scoreless innings while scoring five in bottom of the second inning. By the end of the sixth inning the Demons locked the win with a score of 7-1.

Relief pitcher Mike Perkins' scoreless three innings aided in the Demon win, but freshman Cory Keener's scoreless pitching through the third inning gave him his second win of the season.

This weekend the Demons will continue their home play against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock as the play a three game series Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Brown-Stroud Field.

Seven game losing streak for Demons

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State Lady Demons (2-18) were swept at home against former NSU head coach Gay McNutt's Golden Eagles 5-0, 4-2 in a doubleheader Tuesday.

The University of Southern Mississippi (9-14) had a three-hit shutout in the first game from former Demon Jessica Holaway. Holaway left NSU with Coach McNutt to play at Southern Miss. Holaway struck out three and walked none, never allowing NSU to reach second base in a dominating performance against her former team.

In the second game, NSU had a chance to win but stranded their runner in the bottom of the seventh. Auriel Jenkins led the Eagles with a solo homer. Lindsey Danzy had a run scoring groundout and Katrina Walker singled in a run in the sixth to help the Demons.

Last weekend NSU traveled to Norman, Okla. for the OU/Worth Classic round robin tournament. The Lady Demons dropped two close games to start the tournament on Friday.

NSU lost the first game to Wisconsin 3-2 in 8 innings. The Lady Demons pushed the game to extra innings but failed to score in the eighth inning.

NSU dropped the next game to host Oklahoma 5-3. The Lady Demons could not overcome the Sooners' six run first inning. NSU cut the lead to two but could not muster any more scores.

The following day of the tournament NSU stranded 17 runners losing both games to Wisconsin and Oklahoma. The Lady Demons fell to the Badgers 3-2 and to the No. 6 ranked Sooners 6-3.

On the last day of the tournament Crista Miller threw an eight-inning shut out masterpiece until a wild ninth inning gave the Wisconsin Badgers the win 3-1.

Up next for the Lady Demons is a three game Southland Conference series this weekend at Demon Diamond Field. A doubleheader is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. and a single game on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The way I see it:

Athletes and special treatment

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Do you remember in high school when a group of people would get in trouble for raiding the cafeteria with exploding ketchup packets and only the non-athletes would get in trouble?

Barrios

When I came to college I thought that those days would be over. By now we are all adults and should know better than to pull stupid stunts, right? Wrong!

In an interview on Saturday the head basketball coach of Villanova University, Jay Wright spoke about 12 players on his team being suspended for using a university access code to make unauthorized calls. Wright said that he thought the players thought they were doing what other students were doing.

Yeah right!

Another athlete in the spotlight is Georgia's former basketball player, Tony Cole. After bouncing from high school to high school and a few junior colleges with academic and behavioral problems, Georgia decided to give him a scholarship.

He also received money for school form quite a few benefactors including a few former local basketball coaches. In addition, he received money to pay for a phone bill and also received an unearned grade from Georgia's basketball staff.

Where are the punishments to these crimes and why was he even allowed on the team in the first place?

Because stats overshadow morals, that's why. Players and coaches will do anything to get to that next rank.

In 2005 the academic standards in Louisiana will increase. Students coming into NSU will be required to have at least a 2.0 GPA, a 20 on the ACT and rank within the top 50% of their graduating class.

LSU, who will be on a higher standard, will allow some athletes under the standard to jump through loopholes and allow them to play.

Is this hypocritical, or what?

Not only does this tell other students that their university is compromising, but it is also telling athletes that it's okay to be under par so long as you can throw a ball.

Earlier this semester I wrote an article on smart athletes and am in no way taking any of that back. However, I am trying to say that if NSU follows in the footsteps of our step sibling universities, we can only expect the raised standards to fall.

NSU Sports Information Director, Doug Ireland says he would hope NSU would attempt to allow athletes these opportunities. However, he says they should not be limited to only athletes.

Over all it seems NSU needs to make a choice. All or none, that's it.

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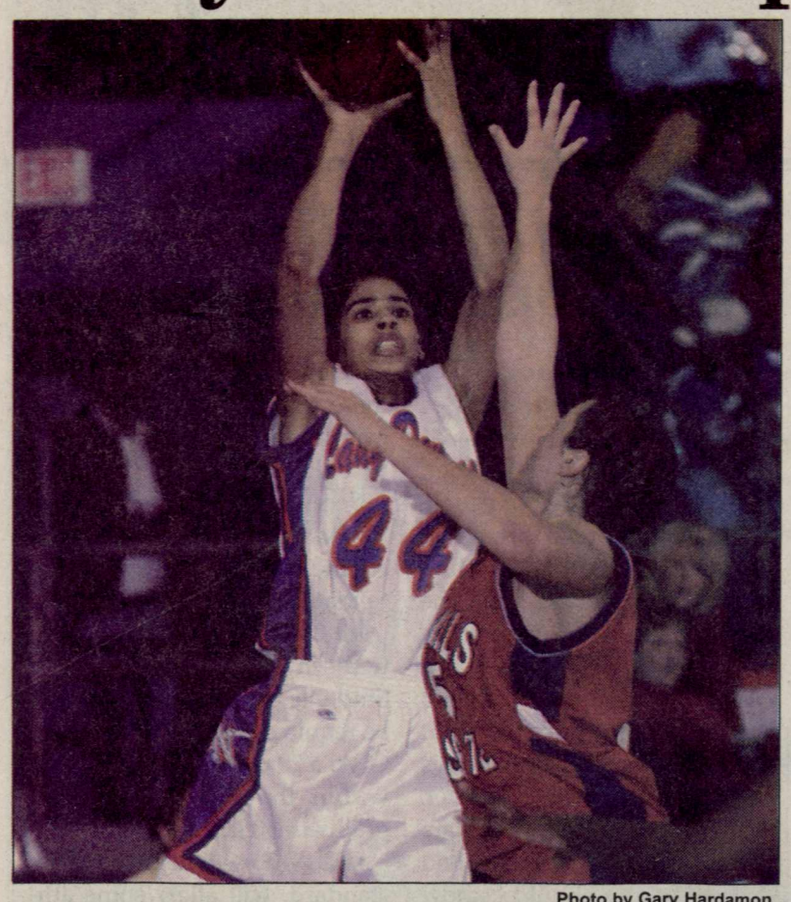

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Lady Demons' season came to an end Tuesday but not before senior forward Angela Davidson scored 8 points against the ULM Lady Indians. Davidson ends her career at NSU as this season's leading scorer averaging 14.4 points per game.

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

UL-Monroe pulled off the upset Tuesday night against Northwestern State 71-62 in an emotional, disappointing loss.

"We just fucking lost," junior guard La'Terrica Dobin said.

"Its devastating and hard to accept," senior forward Angela Davidson said. "We played hard and it is just disappointing."

NSU was picked by the head coaches of the Southland Conference to win the SLC title, but was bounced out of the quarterfinals by the Lady Indians.

The loss snaps a run of four straight years for NSU advancing to the championship game of the tournament.

"We were supposed to win conference but had a tough time on the way to getting there," Lady Demon assistant coach Jennifer Graf said.

With a sparse crowd at Prather Coliseum, the Lady Demons could not shrug off a slow start, falling behind early in the game. Monroe used a huge rebounding advantage and shot better than NSU to get the win.

The Lady Demons could only muster six offensive rebounds and shot 32 percent overall for the night, sinking 22 of 68 shots. NSU shot poorly behind the arc hitting 5 of 18, only 28 percent.

"We just couldn't make shots," Dobin said. "We couldn't hit the bottom for nothing."

Dobin led all Lady Demon scorers with 18 points and 8 assists. Katrina Swanigan chipped in 12 points and Amanda Bennett had 10 points.

NSU fought hard and climbed their way back from an early deficit in the second half to grab the lead 56-54 with 7:14 to go. After the lead change ULM ran off seven straight points to open a lead and NSU got no closer than four points after that. Northwestern State just did not have an answer for the Lady Indian offense.

"We came out a little slow," Graf said. "There was no fire on the defensive end, just slow."

NSU dominated UT-Arlington last Wednesday 70-53 setting up a battle for second place against Stephen F. Austin on Friday. The Lady Lumberjacks are undefeated at home as NSU got off to a slow start that cost them the game 80-73.

The Lady Demons could have avoided ULM, but the loss to Stephen F. Austin placed the Lady Demons with the number 3 seed and hosting ULM. NSU could have gotten a bye with a win.

The Lady Demons end the season on a high note as three players were named to the All-SLC teams. Davidson and Dobin made the first team with Swanigan getting honorable mention.

Davidson led the team in scoring with an average of 14.4 points a game with 5.8 rebounds. Dobin led the nation with assists finishing the season with 290, a 10.74 per game average. The 290 total are a new NSU single-season record.

Northwestern State looks forward to next year and has to replace three seniors next season in Angela Davidson, Jamie Callais and Anna Means. The Lady Demons hope the young bench will come through next season.

"I am looking forward to next year and hope to work hard in the summer," Dobin said. "We're going to find out who is able and who is not."

"We have three spots to fill, but we have great players on the bench," Graf said. "We should have a great team next year."

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QUITTING CASPARI

■ *University to close Caspari Hall as a dormitory at end of spring, convert it to offices; residents to be moved to Rapides, Bossier Halls*

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

After 64 years of housing NSU students, East Caspari will be closing its doors to residents after the 2003 spring semester and will reopen in the fall as a refurbished administrative building.

The decision to close occupancy privileges to NSU students in East Caspari comes after a series of fire code violations.

Marc Reech, a spokesperson for the state fire marshal, said East Caspari underwent an inspection on June 6 and received citations for violating the travel distance regulation, a code that requires a short enough distance to any exit be present to allow for an easy escape during a fire. A leaky roof, dead end exits on the second floor and a lack of smoke detectors in the sleeping quarters were also cited as violations that gave cause to deny occupancy during the summer semester.

On July 22 inspectors returned and noted that no corrections had been made and the University was asked to provide a plan of correction for East Caspari. Reech said that this second inspection served as a reiteration of the first inspection.

The third inspection took place on Sept. 9 and temporary repairs to the roof and smoke alarm systems were noted and NSU was allowed to grant temporary occupancy for 45 days.

East Caspari's fourth inspection occurred on Oct. 24, and although similar corrections to the roof and smoke alarm systems were noted by the inspectors, the violations of improperly low stairway rail guards, a lack of handrails on the stairway and faulty "trouble" indicators on East Caspari's fire alarms were all noted as violations.

Despite the violations, inspectors allowed East Caspari to remain open until the end of the spring semester, provided that NSU submit a final plan of correction. NSU administrators decided the cost to keep East Caspari open, no official figures were given, outweighed the cost of closing down and renovating the building. The decision was then finalized to close East Caspari at the end of spring.

Chris Sampite, executive director of NSU's physical plant, said the University's intentions to reopen East Caspari as administrative offices specializing in student services will depend on the quickness of the Louisiana legislature to approve NSU's $3.6 million capital outlay request.

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Photo by Candice Pauley

East Caspari Hall residents "Grandpa" Joe Skaggs and Chris Reed exit their dormitory Wednesday evening. The long-time upperclassman housing facility, after a series of fire code citations, will be closed at the end of the spring, displacing its residents.

Keyser street bridge reopens

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Despite the drizzle of rain and the uncomfortable cold, the John H. Keyser Street Bridge was rededicated on Tuesday, officially opening it to the public.

Originally planned for outdoors, the ceremony's beginnings were moved to the drafty insides of the PRISM center. The happenings later moved outside into the weather for the bridge's ribbon cutting.

Among the community members present were Mayor Wayne McCullen, Nick Pollacia, executive vice president of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce, and Representative Taylor Townsend.

John Keyser, the grandson of former Mayor John H. Keyser, was also present for the bridge's rededication. The former bridge and the new one have both been dedicated to the former mayor a "very appropriate" move, according to McCullen.

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NSU steps up terrorism awareness

By LaTosha Lewis
Sauce Reporter

According to CNN, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in an attempt to stop a terrorist attack before it occurs, is moving to strengthen national security.

DHS Secretary Tom Ridge has founded the Ready Campaign so as to keep our nation prepared for a terrorist attack. One of the campaign's features is providing steps Americans can take to prepare for a possible terrorist attack.

"We cannot always predict an attack; we can always prepare," Ridge said in a Jan. 23 press conference. "Terrorists are strategic actors and they act on their timetable, not ours."

NSU is also feeling the effects of new homeland security movements. University Police have stepped up security around campus to make it a terrorist-free zone.

"We are checking suspicious vehicles that are left unattended for extending periods of time, including large trucks that aren't plainly marked," University Police Detective Doug Prescott said. "We are talking with drivers to make sure that they are supposed to be here."

Students are also aware of the risk of terrorism, even in a small town such as Natchitoches. However, they are not letting threats stop their everyday lives.

"I think that we as Americans should go about doing what we

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Boozman Hall Internet upgrade

In-dorm Internet overloads campus network

■ *SGA president claims file-sharing software use in the nearly 200-student capacity dorm drained the full University's bandwidth*

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The University's much-touted rollout of high-speed Internet access in dorm rooms turned out to be a disappointment.

Over the Christmas holidays, the University installed fiber optic cables in Boozman Hall. This upgrade was meant to bring faster Internet access to the students' dorm rooms. The improvement fell far short than what many residents had expected.

The campus's six megabyte-per-second bandwidth proved far too small for what many Boozman residents had in mind.

"When we first turned on the fiber optics in Boozman they basically consumed all six megs of bandwidth on their own," SGA President Stacie Cosby said.

Cosby explained that the high consumption was reportedly caused by a wide use of file sharing sites. The fiber optic cables made it very easy to download songs and movies from the

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See *NSU sets cap on...*

SAB says yes to Spring Fling, no to major concert

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Student Activities Board is churning out a variety of activities this semester, including a beefed up Spring Fling week in lieu of the costly spring concert.

"We tried it, but it just didn't hit," SAB director Carl Henry said of spring concerts that have not been held since 2001.

Henry said the last SAB-backed concert, Stroke 9, attracted only about 300 students.

"We try to hit as many students as we can," said Terria Alexander, SAB assistant director. "With the amount of funding the SAB has it's hard to find one band or act that will attract a majority of students."

Some students do not seem to miss the spring concert.

"I didn't even know the SAB ever did spring concerts," Robert Lockwood, sophomore biology major, said.

Other students were not as dismissive.

"I kind of miss the whole idea of it," said senior humanities and social thought major Mario Chavez. "It usually doesn't get good turn out though, from what I understand."

Jeff Dison, a senior CIS major, said he would like to see the SAB sponsor more big events.

"Movies are kind of a waste of time," Dison said. "I'd like to see more musical events, more karaoke, and more activity events based on the students' wants."

According to the SAB schedule of events, the SAB has planned a dinner theater, an Easter egg hunt, coffeehouse and a concert event that will happen later this semester.

"We're always open to students' suggestions," Henry said.

"The SAB's members at large go out and talk to people," Alexander said. "They haven't necessarily come up with a survey, but it's something we've been thinking about."

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NSU22 weekend forecast

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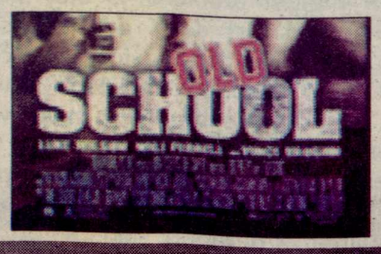

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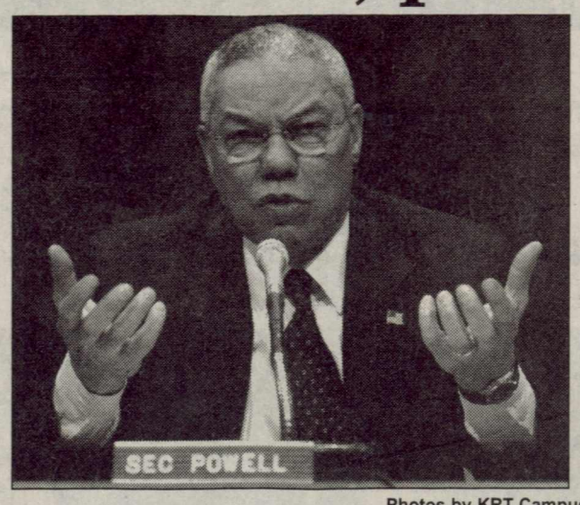
Powell, Rice, Moseley-Braun noted for national influence, power, leadership

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter



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Above: Sec. of State Colin Powell testifies before the Senate Budget Committee on Feb. 11. **Right:** National Security Advisor Condolezza Rice and Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld are pictured at the White House on Feb. 18.

Students and faculty at NSU chose two Bush cabinet members and the first black woman senator as the most influential black Americans today.

"Colin Powell is the one individual that pulls the Democrats and Republicans together," assistant professor of art Vicki Parrish said.

Powell is currently the secretary of state in President George W. Bush's cabinet. Powell is the highest-ranking black American officer in U.S. history. In 1989 he became a four-star general and was named chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From 1983 to 1986 Powell was military assistant to the secretary of defense, and in 1986 he served as commander of the V Corps, Europe.

"Colin Powell has the most political pool because of his position in the White House," Lacey Fletcher, junior elementary education major, said. "He is the type of person you want in leadership."

Powell is not the only one of Bush's influential black cabinet members. Condoleezza Rice became national security advisor to President George W. Bush in 2001.

An expert on Russia and Eastern Europe, Rice advised the Bush Sr. administration on foreign policy and military issues, including the unification of Germany and the breakup of the Soviet Union.

"Condoleezza Rice thinks before she speaks and looks at both sides of the analogy," Parrish said. "She knows who she is and she is an example of a lady."

Carol Moseley-Braun is another influential black American and recently announced she would run for president in 2004.

"She is a history maker," junior Kalprina Williams said. "She is a role model for women and minorities and this is what we need to see in 2003."

Moseley-Braun made history in 1992 when she was the first black woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate. As a senator, she sponsored several progressive education bills and championed strong gun control laws.

Moseley-Braun was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1978. She also served in the statehouse for 10 years, making education reform her priority.

For more information on other national black Americans, go to www.infoplease.com.

Terrorism

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normally do because whatever will be, will be," Rebecca Price, a sophomore nursing major, said.

Report suspicious activity to the University Police at 357-5431. For more information on how to prepare for an attack, visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY.

Terrorism Preparation Tips

Step 1: Make emergency supply kits. Include items that cover the nose and mouth and have precut heavyweight garbage bags or plastic sheeting and duct tape to seal windows, doors, and air vents.
Step 2: Plan ahead. Decide how you will contact your family in the event of separation. Designate several evacuation areas.
Step 3: Stay informed.

Caspari to close after 64 years

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Capital outlay funds are state money allocated to public institutions for projects that exceed the budgetary circumstances of the requesting institution.

So what will happen to those students now living in East Caspari?

"Some of our best students live in Caspari," assistant director of residential life Frances Conine said. "We will try to accommodate them as best as we possibly can."

Conine said students will be given a choice of living in either Rapides or Bossier dorm, but given the upperclassmen status of East Caspari's residents, they would most likely be relocated to Bossier should they choose to remain on campus.

Conine also said the department of residential life was in the process of contacting the residents of East Caspari to inform them of its closing and their subsequent relocation.

Despite the administration's best efforts to ease East Caspari's 48 residents into the reality of relocation, some are not pleased with the turn of events.

"It's ass," 21-year-old junior psychology major and three-year East Caspari resident Crickett Martin said. "They already don't have enough room for students anyway."

"Some of our best students live in Caspari. We will try to accommodate them as best as we possibly can."

—Frances Conine
Residential Life
assistant director

"It's ass. They already don't have enough room for students anyway."

—Crickett Martin
East Caspari resident

NSU sets cap on Boozman bandwidth

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internet. These applications eat up a large portion of the bandwidth and the result of the initial usage was a general slowing down of all Internet access on campus.

"As nice as it would be to download a bunch of music, if someone is downloading one song it slows down a whole computer lab," Cosby said.

Tracy Brown, head of NSU's information systems, has already implemented a plan to alleviate the problem. By restricting the amount of bandwidth available for file sharing programs to two kilobytes per computer, Internet speed around campus is back to normal.

With the new restrictions, the fiber optic cables in Boozman result in a connection that on the surface is almost indistinguishable from dial-up. This has led some Boozman residents to question what the point of the upgrade was.

It is difficult to judge what impact the cable has had on the speed of access due to conflicting reports from students. Despite this, Brown points out that the cables still offer much in extra convenience if not in extra entertainment. Fiber optic cables provide a more reliable connection than dial-up and this can prove very valuable as NSU integrates more online courses and expands its Blackboard services.

"The primary use of the network in the dorm is for academics...if there are some recreational activities that can be done on it, so be it," Brown said.

Cosby also points out that the cables are a step in the right direction.

"It's laying a foundation for our technology capability on campus," Cosby said.

Even if the new system is not what some of the students had been hoping for, it is at least a sign that NSU is moving towards a greater level of technology. Both Cosby and Brown expressed interest in seeing more dormitories wired with fiber optics and in purchasing more bandwidth.

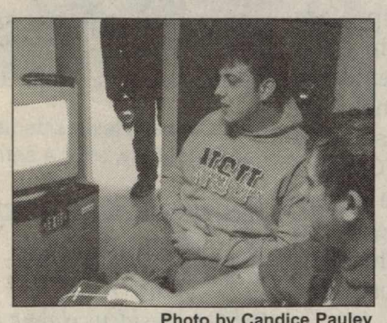

Photo by Candice Pauley

Boozman residents Matthew Burroughs (at left) and Davy Ammons use the dorm's new fiber optic Internet connection.

They also agree, however, that this will be a slow process that will be contingent on finding adequate funds.

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Easter egg hunt among events SAB will spend money to provide

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These representatives find out what kind of in-dorm events students would like and get approval for those events through the SAB. Dorm events are held throughout the semester.

The SAB's activities are based on funding from an assessed fee from each student each semester.

"The Student Activity Board on this campus does not get $138 per semester from each student," Henry said. "One of our biggest problems is they [the students] don't get the right information. Instead of $138 per student, we get $10."

The assessed fee has remained unchanged for 16 years.

"It's gone down because of inflation," Alexander said.

Henry said their is no talk of raising that fee.

According to the SAB budget, the SAB can spend $120,000 during the 2002-03 school year. That money is divided among the committees within the SAB to create events that will attract as many students as possible. Alexander said the SAB allots that money based on the successes of the previous year's events.

This semester's most costly SAB event will be the Spring Fling week slated for March 17-21. Alexander said the weeks' activities will include a crawfish boil and an outdoor concert by the band Fat Albert, with other activities in the works.

The band was chosen by SAB members at a conference for student activities coordinators.

"It's going to be a very good band," Alexander said.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Healthfest 2003

NSU's Department of Health and Human Performance and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital will host Healthfest 2003 on March 27 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet on Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. in Room 341 of Kyser Hall. Raffle tickets and money, dues ($5/year), and T-shirt money ($12) is due on March 12. Any Spanish student can get extra points by submitting a Spanish poem, recipe or other Spanish items for the Spanish Section bulletin board. For more information, see your class representative or contact Comfort Pratt in office 314-E of Kyser Hall (357-5590) or e-mail drprattc@hotmail.com.

Salsa Night will be on April 8 from 7-11 p.m. Raffle prizes include lunch bags, thermos, T-shirts and gift certificates.

Black History Month

There will be a Black History Month program tonight at 7 in the A. A. Fredericks auditorium.

Student Government

The SGA is looking for a new secretary that can serve 7.5 hours per week. This is a paid position and that person must be available Mondays from 6-8:30 p.m.

Counseling and Career Services

The Spring/Summer Job Fair will be held on March 17. in the Student Union Ballroom between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All students are welcome. Several nationally-recognized businesses, including Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Luby's, J.C. Penny's Information Technology, and Sherwin-Williams Co., will be participating.

Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ)

ΑΦΑ Week will host the Alpha Party at 10:06 tonight at the Armory.

Phi Beta Sigma (ΦΒΣ)

Come and dine with the brothers of ΦΒΣ Fraternity Inc. Thursday at Pizza Hut on Keyser Ave. from 4-10 p.m. ΦΒΣ will receive a percentage of each sale to help raise funding for various charities.

Northwestern Environmental Organization (N.E.O.)

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sunday at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Freshman Factor

Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

Natchitoches Mardi Gras

The Krewe of Dionysos invites everyone to attend its 5th Annual Mardi Gras Parade, beginning Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

The parade begins at the STAGE parking lot on Hwy. 1 South, proceeds north to Keyser Avenue, crosses the Cane River Lake to travel north on Jefferson, Front and Washington streets to Texas Avenue, west on Texas to 2nd Street, then south on 2nd Street to end on Church Street.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled by Linda D. Held

■ **Feb. 20**

At 1:35 p.m. there was a medical emergency described as a possible seizure in room 431 of Kyser Hall. The NSU nurse and a Natchitoches Parish Hospital ambulance were called.

■ **Feb. 21**

There was another possible seizure in Room C106 of the Teacher Education Center. Once again, the nurse and an ambulance were called.

■ **Feb. 22**

At 8:45 p.m. on-campus police dispersed a large crowd of people with a BBQ grill in the upper parking lot of Sabine Dormitory. Later that night, campus police received a call that there were hot coals in the lot. Campus police advised the caller that they would take care of it.

■ **Feb. 23**

Female subjects reported a white male masturbating in the bushes on the west side of the track. The suspect was gone by the time police arrived, but they did check bathrooms and talked to subjects at the softball field.

Around 4 p.m. a man reported that the air had been let out of his tires. When police arrived at the car, it was discovered that another car had its tires slashed. The incident was logged.

At 5:06 p.m. the Natchitoches police department called to alert the campus police that a car was on fire in the coliseum parking lot. When campus police arrived on the scene, a blue Honda with an Ontario license plate was on fire. The fire department arrived and put out the car. The owner requested that Lewis Wrecker remove the car.

Keyser Bridge

■ **Continued from page 2**

McCullen brought up a second bridge project during the ceremony. He said it was a possibility and that he had been keeping in touch with the DOTD about it.

McCullen remarked on the lack of complaints from Natchitoches businesses and citizens during the construction process. He also expressed "extreme pride" in the almost-finished bridge.

Two features of the bridge that cause it to stand out from others are the ornamental iron railing and antique colonial-style streetlights.

Referred to as the "most beautiful bridge in Louisiana" by McCullen, he expects the structure to improve the city's traffic flow and economy.

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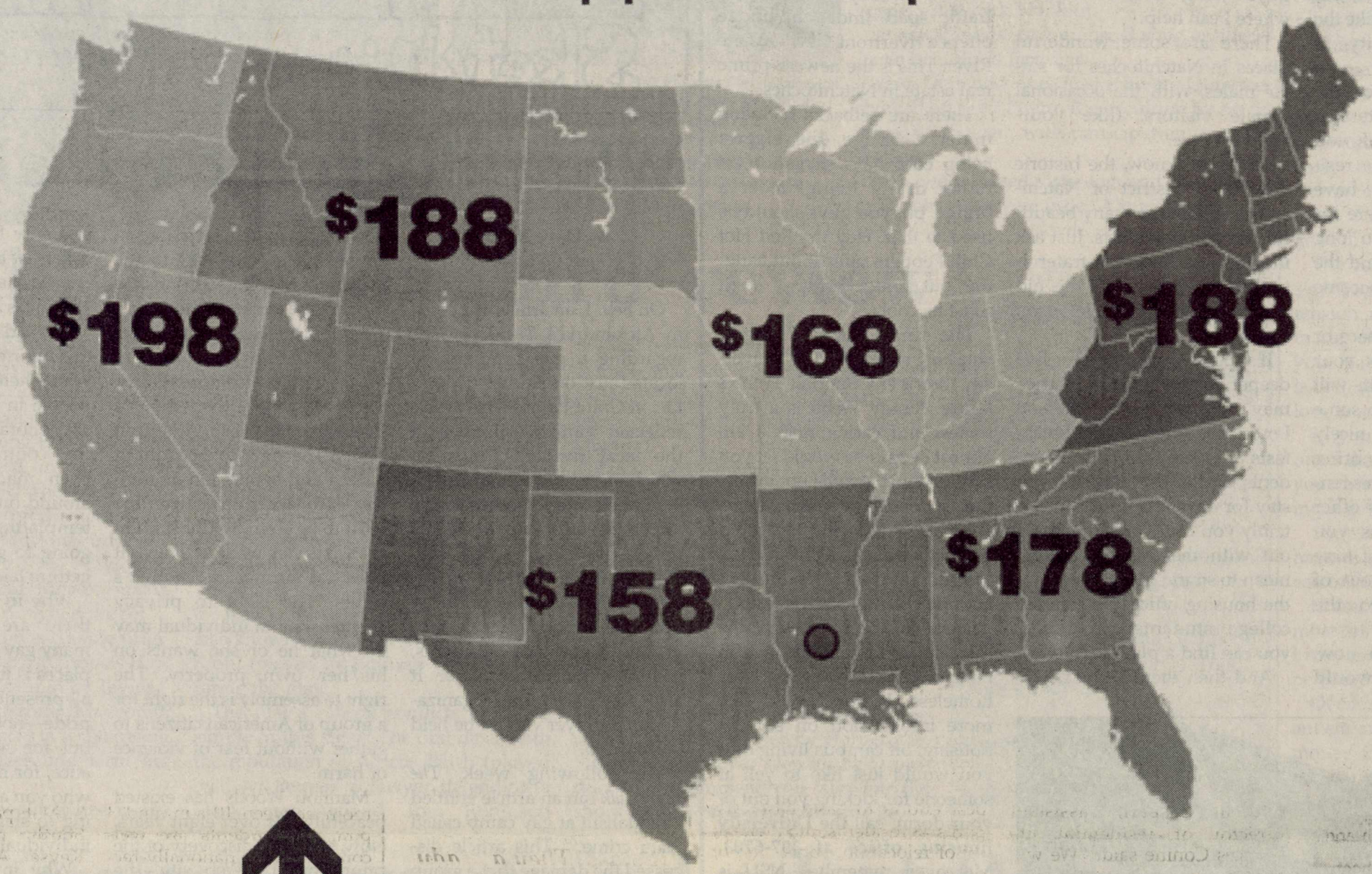

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Caspari residents: Alternatives to dorm living

Dear residents of East Caspari Hall,

Breaux

I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but it looks like the University is kicking you guys to the curb, literally. Some of you Caspari residents have lived there for quite some time now; so long that East Caspari Hall and the occupants there of have become your family.

Not to rub it in your face or anything, but just think your musky, dank dorm room will be renovated to become some vice president's warm, nicely painted office. It may bring comfort to know that if this renovation takes as long as other renovations on campus you guys still have plenty of time before you are forced out of your dorms and onto the streets.

The biggest question now, since the University would rather spend money renovating your dorm to make it an office building and not a better residence hall, is where are you guys going to live? This is where I can help.

There are some wonderful places in Natchitoches for single males, with the occasional female visitors, (like yourselves) to live.

As we all know, the historic downtown district of Natchitoches is home to many beautiful bed and breakfasts. Just ask members of Sigma Nu fraternity-they once lived in the old Steamboat House on Jefferson Street.

If you would like to live deeper in the historic district, may I suggest Maison Louisiane. Sure bed and breakfasts are pricey for college students and most only let you stay for days at a time, but certainly you can work something out with the owners. I don't mean to sound like your dad or the housing office, but you are college students, pre-adults; you can find a place to live.

And then there is the newly constructed Keyser Street Bridge. The bridge was opened to traffic several weeks ago, but was officially reopened Tuesday. If you really are not one for traffic, space under the bridge offers a riverfront view of Cane River. This is the newest, prime real estate in Natchitoches.

There are setbacks to living under a bridge, the biggest being cold days. It could get rather drafty living under a bridge, but you guys should be used to that. Hey the Red Hot Chili Peppers sang about hanging out under bridges, so it must be cool.

The final place I suggest checking into would be University President Randall Webb's house. Randy Webb is a truly honest and caring man, I am almost certain he would let you stay. Okay, so maybe not inside, but he does have a nice garage. And like the dorm, you could be only a walk away from class, Turpin Stadium, the Student Union or Randy's refrigerator.

These are only a few of the many places one could live in Natchitoches, if he or she were homeless. If you would like more information on student housing, off campus living or if you would just like to yell at someone for kicking you out of your dorm, call the **University housing office at 357-6703.** Moreover, remember, NSU is where the students come first.

Sincerely,
Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

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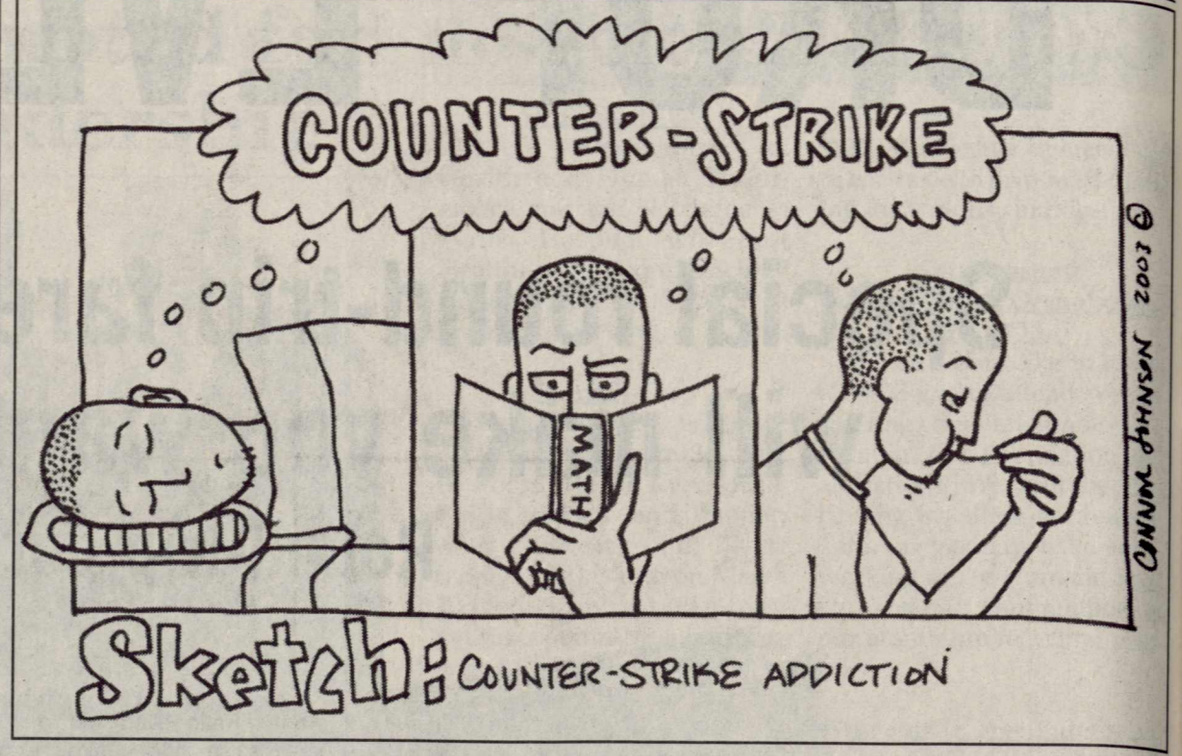
East Caspari Hall



What do you care about?

By Dave Knox
Guest Columnist

On Feb. 1, an article appeared in Alexandria's *The Town Talk* regarding a gay campground located just outside of Pollock, La., in Grant Parish. This article reflected various opinions of the local residents, most of which were quite negative.

A week later, another article appeared entitled "Ministers oppose gay camp". In this article the reporter took an in-depth view of the differing opinions about the campground from local residents, including the camp owner. It also announced the organization of a prayer vigil to be held on March 5.

The following week, *The Town Talk* ran an article entitled "Vandalism at gay camp called 'hate crime.'" This article discussed the damage that a group of people had inflicted on the campground the day before and the response of the owner.

On Monday, "Gay community reacts to controversy over Manitou Woods" appeared in the newspaper giving several local gays a chance to react to the events that have been transpiring and the events coming up.

I think the issue that underlies these articles has nothing to do with homosexuality. Instead, I believe the issue is a disregard for basic American rights. The right to freedom of speech and expression guarantees each American citizen the right to be an individual and to say what they want as long as it does not infringe on another's rights. The right to privacy ensures that an individual may do what he or she wants on his/her own property. The right to assembly is the right for a group of American citizens to gather without fear of violence or harm.

Manitou Woods has existed peacefully for over eight years. Now, since the discovery of the campground's Web site, the local community is in somewhat of an uproar.

The question that now remains is "how are you going to react?" Are you, as a gay man or lesbian, going to sit idly by and do or say nothing? Are you as a straight ally not going to take up the fight?

If you think not saying anything is a good position, then you are saying that the efforts of the last century are worth nothing.

You are saying that the homosexuals and allies who braved the many nights in jail for either being homosexual or for standing up for what they believed in do not matter, that the many homosexuals killed in the Holocaust for being gay were wrong, that the gay men and women and their allies that were arrested during the McCarthy era because of their sexuality deserved it, that the nights of the Stonewall Riots in June of 1969 were for nothing and that the removal of homosexuality from the mental disorder list by the American Psychiatric Association on Dec. 15, 1973, was insignificant.

The sad thing is that some of this information is new news to you. There are too many gay people in this community that are ignorant of their past and the contributions that have been made so they can sit around on a Friday night contemplating where they are going to go out or if they are getting laid that night.

Why in a community where there are obviously just as many gay people as most other places is it not possible to have a presence of a little gay pride—not pride for being gay, but for surviving the intolerance, for not being ashamed of who you are and for being willing to stand up as a complete individual?

Why in such a community has maintaining a gay campus organization been so hard? Is it because you got too comfortable, not realizing the lack of equality that still remains? Or are you ashamed? Are you still so programmed by the propaganda of the Radical Right Wing that you still possess so much internalized homophobia?

So what should be done? I don't know, but I think it's time not only to make our presence known but also to stand up for what is right. Gay men and women and allies, this is your fight! This does affect you! Allow this to happen without response and you start to take a step back. You start to give up those rights so many fought so hard for.

Demand nothing less than equality on all levels—you deserve it! It won't be easy, it never is, but that doesn't make it less worthwhile. Make a stand! Don't let March 5 pass without a second thought!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scholars' professor: 'Congrats on a good...article'

Given the lousy state of the world, the disaster we call the national economy, the multiform incompetence of this administration, etc., etc., to say nothing of the Korean follies, it is encouraging to see that there are a few folks around using the little gray cells that god or nature has given 'em. One such is Beau Boudreaux.

Congrats on a good, rational article on the legalization of pot. As long as Americans treat the social problem of drug addiction as tho it were a moral-religious problem (as we once did alcohol), we will spend loads of money and accomplish nothing.

Rational examination of public policy doesn't seem to get very far these days. Maybe it never did. Thanks, Beau, for inserting a little sweet reason in a much too emotional debate.

James Means,
Scholars' Professor

Cheating should not concern non-cheaters

The Feb.20, 2003 issue of the Current Sauce had a letter to the editor from a student concerned with "cheating in a place of higher learning". I could not help but respond to this article with great confusion. I don't even understand exactly why this article was allowed to be published. Cheating is not something that should concern non-cheaters.(Thoughout this reply, I will be addressing the author of the editoral that caught my attention.)

I agree that cheating is wrong, and it should not be an obtion for a mature and responsible college student that really wants to earn a degree. However, it seems to me that the student who wrote this article is too concerned with other's flaws and bad judgement. How does this affect you? If the profeesor is allowing the students to cheat, it does not mean that your degree was not earned, nor does it mean that studying is no longer important. Please keep in mind that not all professors are that lenient. You are a sophomore, so you are probably still making A's in every class (like the majority of us did), however, you will learn that the longer you stay here at NSU, the less time you'll have to instruct professors on how to regulate and punish dishonest students in his/her class. At this time, you'll be grateful for some professors being lenient. (lenient is not synomous "to allowng to cheat")

Also, for your own knowlegde, please realize that just because one is a college student does not necessarily mean that he/she is mature and responsible. Those kinds of students tend to disappear over the course the college years (if you know what I mean). This is more of a reason for you to not concern yourself with what the less mature, less responsable students does.

Now, if you are expecting the Unviersity to address your "cheating concerns" by making out an anti-cheating plan that all of the professors have to strictly abide by, please take this time and ask whatever supernatural being that appeals to you the most for forgiveness. While you are at it, ask the Unviersity and all the students who make up the university for forgiveness. I can't imagine the professors being too happy about an anti-cheating plan. Many of the professionals would rather not be told how to conduct his or her class. Consquently, this can be bad for all of the students at NSU, that includes the students who don't necessarily cheat, YOU, for example.

Furthermore, it would be wrong to advertise that "NSU gives out free degrees" to seniors in high school who are trying the decide which institute of higher learning he/she should grace with his/her presence. One, because he/she would be in for a great shock once he/she gets here. And, two, that degrades our school, a school which is, might I add, accredited for all of its major programs. Once I leave this school with a B.S. in Biology/concentration in Biomedicine, I'm going to be proud that I earned it (and I will earn it), and I will know that my studying paid off. Notice, I didn't mention that my classmate's studying paid off, that does not, and should not, concern me.

Cheating is it's own punishment, so try not to concern yourself so much with those cheater. Cheaters will reap exactly what they sow. Nothing. (Without your help, of course.)

Yolunda Nelson-Minor
Junior Biology Major

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Cultural Explosion hits Student Union Ballroom

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Above: Karlo Rivera and Yani Oquendo demonstrate salsa dancing from their culture.
Left: Students enjoy food provided by Aramark at the Cultural Explosion put on by the SAB. Campus Trends is a committee in the SAB that is organized for students from different cultures.

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

NSU students showed off their diverse talents at the Cultural Explosion sponsored by the Student Activities Board's Campus Trends Committee on Feb. 20.

"Campus Trends is a committee geared towards multicultural students, adult learners and non-traditional students," Ashlie Fisher, committee chairperson, said.

In the black American category, there was a praise dance performance by Anointed Perfection. The group performed to three songs by gospel artist Kirk Franklin.

Arien Phillips sang a gospel song entitled *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow.*

Yani Oquendo and Raslo Rivera-Quinones showed off their Puerto Rican culture by teaching salsa dancing with participation from the audience.

"We were raised listening and dancing to music since we were little," Oquendo said.

'To Kill a Mockingbird' review

Review By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The colorful set is the first thing I noticed when I walked on the stage of the NSU Theatre Department's production of "To Kill A Mockingbird."

Emily Kate Taylor, a technical theater major, and her theater crew designed the set.

The two paintings on each side originated from the 1930s artist Thomas Hart Benton and were recaptured by Taylor.

The paintings illustrate Maycomb, Alabama, where the play is set, showing the civic meeting place and farm life during 1935.

There is a unique looking tree in the middle of the stage made of brown cloth and iron. The lighting set the mood of the old south during the 1930s. In the background music there was music from American gospel artist Mahalia Jackson. Theatre west gives a close connection with the audience and cast.

Seeing the set design makes the audience extremely curious to focus its attention more on the meaning of the play. The show begins with the main character Jean Louis (played by Mary Watson) also known during her younger years as Scout (played by Lindsay Visicaro) narrating the play.

The play's central conflicts are quite simple in this show. The first deals with the reputation of Atticus Finch (played by Levi Petree), a lawyer defending a black man named Tom Robinson (played by Brandon Lewis) and living in a town that has mixed feelings about racism. The second conflict deals with the mystery of Boo (played by Mickey Dupont).

Each cast member portrays an extremely realistic character. The play could have been even more fulfilling without all the excess talking from the audience during the show. There was an outstanding and serious performance by Atticus during the closing statement given in courtroom during Tom's trial that could have been really great without the laughter from one couple.

This production gives a concise message of the book written by Harper Lee.

If you have never seen an NSU production, I recommend you "step into the shoes" of this production for a while.

Calender of Events:

Feb. 27- National Eating Disorders Screening Program 9 a.m-3 p.m., Cane River Room

■ Bright Ideas Workshop 2:30 p.m. Room 237 Kyser

■ Northwestern Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., Magale Recital Hall

March 1- Mardi Gras Gumbo, 8 p.m.- 1 a.m, 1825 Hwy 1 South, More info-354-1265

March 4- Mardi Gras

March 6- School Resumes

SGA, your money and what they do

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

After fee payment students often wonder how they benefit from the student association paid each semester. Every semester students pay $113.50 each in student assessed fees.

According to an informal student poll, about half of 50 students surveyed at NSU were unaware of the privileges that the Student Government grants to them each semester.

SGA President Stacie Cosby said the organization's main purpose is to represent the students at NSU, but it also exists to serve.

"A lot of students don't care," Cosby said. "They care when it affects them."

For some students a lack of interest in the SGA is mainly because they are unsure of where or who to turn to for information.

"I haven't seen anything from them," Tommy Myrick, senior music major, said. "Either I just don't know where to look or they just don't do anything."

According to the survey most NSU students know that the SGA gives away scantrons on Monday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Each student is granted up to two scantrons and a bluebook with the validation of a current student ID.

Cosby said the SGA passed legislation to buy 40 computers that are available in Watson Library.

Students can also check out digital cameras, zip drives and palm pilots.

Students have access to the computers for a week. For every day that the computer is late the library charges a $10 fee to your student account.

The updated version of Norton Ant-Virus can be checked out from Watson Library for two to three days in order to be uploaded on a student's computer.

When students are low on cash, they can receive a loan up to $50 from the SGA. A student requesting a loan must be in good standing with the university and be able to provide current student identification.

NSU charges a 50 cents processing fee for all loans. Each student has a month to pay back the loan or a $5 late charge will be accessed.

Mildred Moore issues the loans in room 234 in the Sylvan Friedman Student Union.

Loans can be received on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cosby said there is close to $60,000 in this account available to students in need of extra cash. She added that the SGA is considering raising the monthly loan allowance since it hasn't been updated for many years.

The SGA also provides leisure classes for students each year. A swing and jazz class will be held sometime in March.

Each year the SGA provides a speaker for the students. There has not been a speaker at NSU for the past two years, so with the overflow of money the SGA is making efforts to have Sue Johansen speak on campus.

Johansen is the host for the "Sunday Night Sex Show" aired on the Oxygen television network.

"We have had all kinds of speakers...motivational, political," Cosby said. "It is just tapping into another issue on campus."

The SGA holds meetings on Monday. The minutes of the meeting are printed each week in the newspaper.

NSU22 also recaps the most important parts of the meeting on its regular newscast.

Cosby said in order to create awareness of SGA issues there is a KNWD talk show on Fridays 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Informal student poll:

Are you aware of the resources that the SGA provides for you?

Monday Scantron Giveaway
Yes- 80% **No- 20%**

Computers, digital cameras, zip drives, and palm pilots are available to be checked out from Watson Library?
Yes-50% **No- 50%**

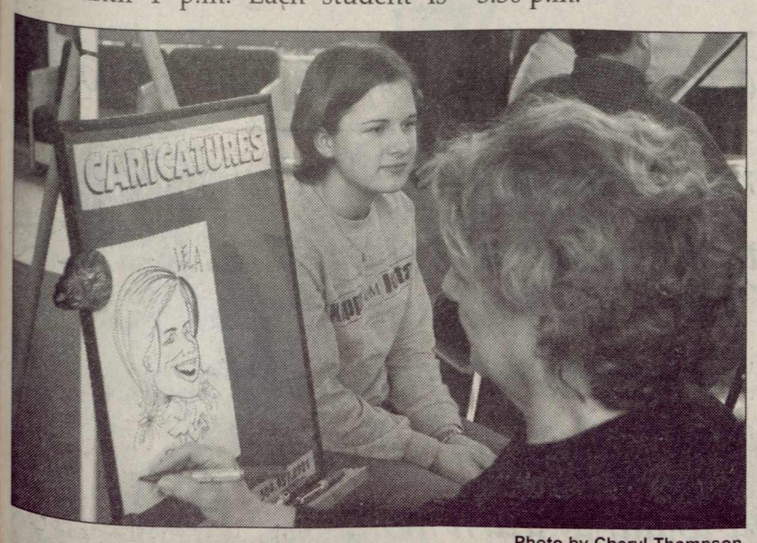
Provide a substantial speaker once a year.
Yes-48% **No-52%**

Can receive a loan from NSU for up to $50 a month.
Yes-50% **No-50%**

Can check out the updated version of Norton Anti-Virus system for your computer from Watson Library.
Yes- 52% **No-58%**

SGA has: minutes printed in Current Sauce, radio show, and recaps of meetings on NSU22.
Yes- 68% **No-32%**

Source: Britton Faucon, 2003.



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SAB presents caricatures

Lela Smith gets a caricature drawn Tuesday by artist Jeanne de la Houssaye. The event was put on by the SAB.

Weekly Horoscope

Courtesy of KRT Campus

■ **Aries (March 21-April 20).** This week, business relations demand new definitions and solid progress. All that is agreed to over the next few weeks will quickly become permanent. Friends and lovers may ask for greater intimacy or plan quiet, private encounters.

■ **Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Workplace or financial negotiations may initiate important business changes. Lovers may be moody or unresponsive. Public actions, rather than private promises, are required. Go slow and expect meaningful change.

■ **Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Public appeal and group involvement are ongoing themes this week. Work officials may rely heavily on your ability to quickly resolve differences between co-workers. A close friend may leave a long-term romantic or family commitment.

■ **Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Long-term relationships become demanding. Expect lovers and close friends to express strong feelings of love, intimacy and attraction. Expect loved ones to initiate new communications or creative ideas for future commitments.

■ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Early this week, previously withheld feelings may rise quickly to the surface. Expect loved ones to be sentimental and focused on new romantic goals. Workplace negotiations work to your advantage. Let key officials know your limits and daily expectations.

■ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Over the next eight days, a close friend may be nostalgic or emotional. Key issues involve lost romance or yesterday's social triangles. Loved ones may feel a strong need to relive past events or contact long-forgotten friends.

■ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Study new work projects carefully over the next few days. A close friend or relative may speak openly about a new love interest or attraction. Marital status and romantic obligations will change. Expect loved ones to explore exotic ideas or unique social introductions.

■ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Recent family disputes will be resolved. Expect loved ones to explain their actions or past disappointments. Avoid minor home confrontations and watch for sudden social reversals. After Friday, a new income source may arrive without warning.

■ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Financial planning will demand special attention this week. Romantic partners or close relatives may be doubtful of money promises or long-term security. Expect financial stress, however, to be the focus of expressed anxiety.

■ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Romantic attractions and sensuality have powerful appeal over the next few days. Short-term relationships will expand into long-term commitments. Expect lovers and marital partners to confidently state their feelings or needs.

■ **Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Work duties may increase over the next eight days. Expect business officials or key customers to require extra attention or support. Social restrictions may be annoying. Friends or lovers may announce revisions and demand a quick response.

■ **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Social acceptance between colleagues or students will increase. Social or romantic relations may also be affected. Expect intimacy to be brief, however, and watch for new emotional opportunities early in March.

Demon Decorum with KT

One of the biggest challenges for college students is living peacefully with their roommates.

Whether in a dorm or an apartment, setting mutually acceptable ground rules from the beginning is crucial for harmonious living.

Many complaints among roommate revolve around the neatness of shared spaces. The simplest and most obvious way to avoid conflicts is to decide early on who will do what chores and when they will do them. Put this in writing if you have to.

The constant presence of one's significant other can cause much tension among roommates. No matter how fabulous you think your partner is, your roommate is bound to grow agitated if your love is around 24/7.

If your partner is spending more than five nights a week at your house, why aren't you living together?

Your roommate should not have to pay for John or Jane to eat, bathe and watch MTV.

If you feel you need to spend most of your time with your lover, maybe your lover should be your new (official) roommate.

Of course, even the most pleasant situation can turn sour when money is involved. When bills are unpaid, services can get cut off and credit ratings can be negatively affected.

Deposits should be split evenly, and when one roommate moves out their share of the deposits should be returned when the new roommate moves in.

You have the right to ask that your roommate's friends leave by a certain time of night. Most people need a moderate level of quite to study, and isn't that why we're here anyway?

You may occasionally ask to have the apartment entirely to yourself. But, if you do this more than once or twice a semester, you should probably look into getting your own place.

The most important thing to remember is to communicate with your roommates. Let them know when they are slacking in their chores, but also thank them for washing your dishes or keeping their music down.

Remember, if you are constantly complaining about your roommate, they're probably complaining about you you. If all else fails, you can always live on your own.

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REVIEW

By Rob Morgan
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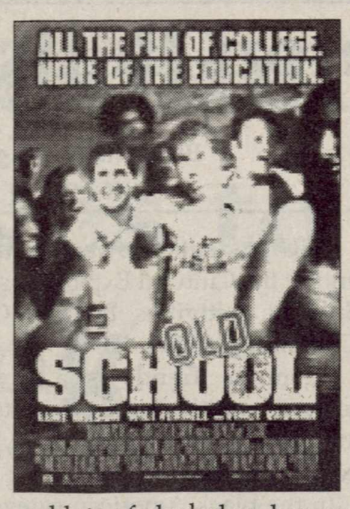
Movie Review: "Old School"

The latest film from the writers of "Road Trip" (2000) does not let movie goers down.

"Old School," the story of three 30-somethings starting a fraternity, is ripe with all the immature comedy and self-degradation its predecessor possessed.

Luke Wilson (Mitch), Will Ferrell (Frank) and Vince Vaughn (Beanie) turn in convincing performances as the movie's star trio attempting to escape their bland lives. The catapult for their renewed party lifestyle is Mitch's relocation to an on-campus house.

The movie depicts life at an institution of higher education in all its partying glory. Noncommittal sexual hook-ups, recreational drug use,



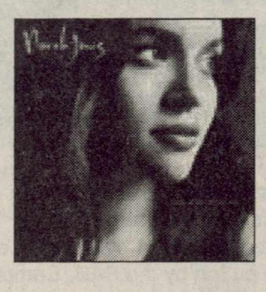
lots and lots of alcohol and an occasional death rounds out this movies universal appeal to college males and females.

Fraternity life is a part of the movie, but it does not narrow the movies appeal. I shared the theater with an array of fraternity members and laughed equally hard, if not harder than they did.

"Old school" is the first movie since "Animal House" that captures the true Dionysian lifestyle I dream of when anyone mentions pledging or elephant walks. And to compare any college fraternity movie to "Animal House" is saying a lot.

"Old School" is highly recommended for anyone interested in possibly tearing stomach lining from intense laughter.

Recommended films: "Animal House," "Porkies" and "Fast Time at Ridgemont High"



Music Review: Norah Jones

She won in five Grammy categories and walked away with eight, count 'em, eight golden phonographs for categories including Album of the year, Record of the year and Best New Artist. So what is so great about Norah Jones' album that allowed her to beat out Nelly, the Boss, Dixie Chicks and Eminem?

One word: Smooth.

She is smooth. The music is smooth. The beat is smooth. Hell, my skin is smoother for listening to her. Even when she gets rough, like in the beginning of "Turn me on", she is still smooth.

Released by Blue Note Records, "Come Away with Me" resides in good company with past label artist like Billy Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald, the two reigning jazz queens. And as with all female singers in the genre before her comparisons with the two greats are being drawn.

Jones' voice and singing style have been compared to Holiday and Fitzgerald, but she is something all her own. A fact that is good for her because nothing could match the whorehouse sounds of Holiday or the incredible fullness and power of Fitzgerald's voice.

Highlights of the album are many, but the standouts are her remake of the Hank Williams song "Cold, Cold Heart", "Come Away with Me"—the album's title track—and "I've got to see you again."

Jones and crew blend together jazz, western and blue for an album that is simply the best of the year, a claim that is actually true.

Recommended artists: Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Etta James.

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Grammy results

courtesy of Grammy.com

Record Of The Year
"Don't Know Why," Norah Jones
Album Of The Year
"Come Away With Me," Norah Jones
Song Of The Year
"Don't Know Why"
Jesse Harris, songwriter (Norah Jones)
Best New Artist
Norah Jones
Best Female Pop Vocal Performance
"Don't Know Why," Norah Jones
Best Male Pop Vocal Performance
"Your Body Is A Wonderland," John Mayer
Best Pop Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
"Hey Baby," No Doubt
Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals
"The Game Of Love," Santana & Michelle Branch
Best Pop Instrumental Performance
"Auld Lang Syne," B.B. King
Best Pop Instrumental Album
"Just Chillin'," Norman Brown
Best Pop Vocal Album
"Come Away With Me," Norah Jones
Best Dance Recording
"Days Go By," Dirty Vegas
Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album
"Playin' With My Friends: Bennett Sings The Blues," Tony Bennett
Best Female Rock Vocal Performance
"Steve McQueen," Sheryl Crow
Best Male Rock Vocal Performance
"The Rising," Bruce Springsteen
Best Rock Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
"In My Place," Coldplay
Best Hard Rock Performance
"All My Life," Foo Fighters
Best Metal Performance
"Here To Stay," Korn
Best Rock Instrumental Performance
"Approaching Pavonis Mons By Balloon" (Utopia Planitia), The Flaming Lips
Best Rock Song
"The Rising," Bruce Springsteen
Best Rock Album
"The Rising," Bruce Springsteen
Best Alternative Music Album
"A Rush Of Blood To The Head," Coldplay
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance
"He Think I Don't Know," Mary J. Blige
Best Male R&B Vocal Performance
"U Don't Have To Call," Usher
Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
"Love's In Need Of Love Today," Stevie Wonder & Take 6
Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance
"What's Going On," Chaka Khan & The Funk Brothers
Best Urban/Alternative Performance
"Little Things," India.Arie
Best R&B Song
"Love Of My Life," Erykah Badu
Best R&B Album
"Voyage To India," India.Arie
Best Contemporary R&B Album
"Ashanti," Ashanti
Best Female Rap Solo Performance
"Scream a.k.a. Itchin'," Missy Elliott
Best Male Rap Solo Performance
"Hot In Herre," Nelly
Best Rap Performance By A Duo Or Group
"The Whole World," OutKast Featuring Killer Mike
Best Rap/Sung Collaboration
"Dilemma," Nelly Featuring Kelly Rowland
Best Rap Album
"The Eminem Show," Eminem
Best Female Country Vocal Performance
"Cry," Faith Hill
Best Male Country Vocal Performance
"My Love To Rose," Johnny Cash
Best Country Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
"Long Time Gone," Dixie Chicks
Best Country Collaboration With Vocals
"Mendocino County Line," Willie Nelson With Lee Ann Womack
Best Country Instrumental Performance
"Lil' Jack Slade," Dixie Chicks
Best Country Song
"Where Were You," Alan Jackson
Best Country Album
"Home," Dixie Chicks
Best Bluegrass Album
"Lost In The Lonesome Pines," Jim Lauderdale, Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys
Best New Age Album
"Acoustic Garden," Eric Tingstad & Nancy Rumbel
Best Contemporary Jazz Album
"Speaking Of Now,Pat Metheny Group
Best Jazz Vocal Album
"Live In Paris," Diana Krall
Best Jazz Instrumental Solo
"My Ship," Herbie Hancock
Best Jazz Instrumental Album, Individual or Group
"Directions In Music," Herbie Hancock, Michael Brecker & Roy Hargrove
Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album
"What Goes Around,Dave Holland Big Band
Best Latin Jazz Album
"The Gathering," Caribbean Jazz Project
Best Rock Gospel Album
"Come Together," Third Day
Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album
"The Eleventh Hour," Jars Of Clay
Best Southern, Country, or Bluegrass Gospel Album
"We Called Him Mr. Gospel Music: The James Blackwood, Tribute Album" The Jordanaires, Larry Ford And The Light Crust Doughboys
Best Traditional Soul Gospel Album
"Higher Ground," The Blind Boys Of Alabama
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"Sidebars," Eartha
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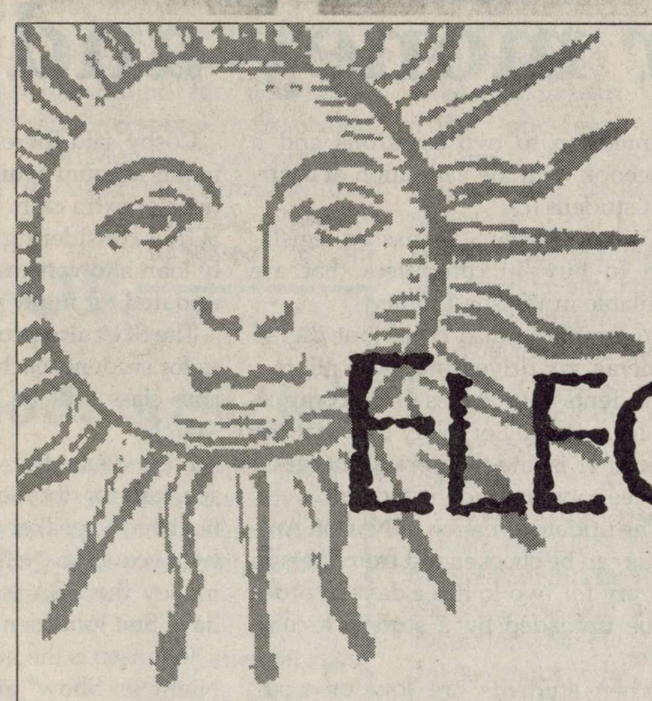

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SPORTS

Track: Men take second, women take fourth at SLC Championships

By Glenn Tillman
Sauce Reporter

Despite personal bests the Demons came out second and fourth at the Southland Conference Indoors Championship.

For Stephanie Sowell, Brittany Littlejohn and Terry Gatson the sun is shinning brighter than ever.

Sowell carved her name in the history books by landing the third best triple jump in Southland Conference history at 43 1/4 inches. And that is only half the story; her best leap this season is at 44 inches.

Sowell soared to a long jump of 20 feet 10 1/2 inches, a school-record, plus she ranks second all-time in SLC and third nationally.

Sowell had to share attention with Littlejohn and Tameisha Miller.

Littlejohn wasted no time letting the judges know who the winner of the 60 meters hurdles was as she flew in first at 8.40 seconds. Her teammate came in second at 8.57 seconds.

Among the other stars, Jacqueline Canton did not fail to shine Friday night.

Canton became the first three-time indoor women's high jump champion in SLC history with a 5 foot 10 1/4 inches leap, which ranks eighth nationally this year and third all-time in the SLC.

Terry Gatson brought glory to NSU by winning the men's 400 meters in 48.16 seconds and became the cornerstone of the team's 4x400 relay team, which is assisted by David Pittman, Marcus Pitre and Justin Wolfe.

They recorded a 3:12.70 minutes in a win.

"The 4x400 relay team was the highlight of the meet," men's head track coach Leon Johnson said. "No one on the relay team stood out. They all performed great."

Sowell, Canton, Littlejohn and Gatson reached the provisional qualifying standards for the NCAA Indoor Championships next month. There they have a chance to rank higher to earn invitations to the national meet.

SLC Awards

Stephanie Sowell was voted the 2003 Southland Conference Indoor female "Outstanding Field Events Performer"

Five NSU athletes receive sportsmanship award tonight at Prather Coliseum

Courtesy of Sports Information

> *"There were many strong candidates for these awards..."*
> **-Julie Lesister**
> about the recipients

Five student-athletes, including senior football quarterback Ben Beach, have been named as Northwestern State's "Sportsmanship Award" winners for fall sports.

Jonah Chelimo in men's cross country, Cathy Herring in volleyball, Jacqui Lawrence in soccer and Linzie Ledford in women's cross country join Beach as the competitors chosen by their coaching staffs to receive the sportsmanship awards.

They will be recognized Thursday night at Prather Coliseum during halftime of the Lady Demons' basketball game against Lamar. Tipoff is 5:45.

Beach, a Shreveport-Northwood product, is the lone senior in the group.

Chelimo is a junior from Kapsowar, Kenya. Herring is a junior from Hammond, Indiana, while Lawrence is a junior from Grand Blanc, Michigan. Ledford is a sophomore from Ruston.

"Our coaches selected these student-athletes for being outstanding examples of the ideals in sportsmanship and ethical conduct in competition, as well as being important contributors to their teams," Julie Lessiter said, the senior woman's administrator and academic advisor for athletics at Northwestern. "There were many strong candidates for these awards but these young men and women are deserving of representing their sports in this manner."

NSU loses to Arkansas and New Orleans, holds equipment fund-raiser this weekend

By Tasha Nicole Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The NSU tennis team lost two matches to Arkansas State in Shreveport and to the University of New Orleans in New Orleans Saturday.

The Lady Demons fell 5-0, as the single matches were the only matches played against ASU. NSU was able to win eight games in all five matches.

The team came back up with a 6-1 in the UNO match. Anneline Zerwick picked up the victory with No. 2 spot, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 over her opponents at UNO. Eliza Young, playing at No. 1, dropped a three-game set, 6-3,6-7,13-11.

The team heads to Memphis, Tenn. on March 7 to face the University of Memphis and Murray State. They with Memphis will be at 2:30 p.m. and Murray State at 9 a.m. on March 8.

The Lady Demon tennis team will also hold a fund-raiser Saturday to help with traveling and equipment expenses.

If you have any comments, ideas, or donations, please contact Willie Paz at 318-357-6589 or 318-357-0170.

Fund-raiser Events

9 a.m. - A 90 minute clinic for adults and children
10:30 a.m. - "Hit for Prizes" for $1 for three chances
11:30 a.m. - Play the Demon ladies for $10
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2:30 p.m. - a drawing for a Wilson racket and other prizes

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Amazing comeback extends streak for Demons

By Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporter

After an amazing 13-1 comeback against the University of Louisiana-Monroe Indians at Sunday night's ULM Holiday Inn/Citgo Classic, the Demon baseball team stretched its winning streak to eight games.

At the end of the fourth inning the Demons faced a 13-1 deficit against the Indians and the possibility of dropping their seven-game winning streak. By that time, even Head Coach Mitch Gaspard was not ready for the 24-16 victory he was about to see.

"I was sitting there thinking this is just one of those games," Gaspard said. "Every team has one of those games where you really don't do anything right."

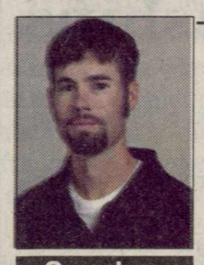
Gaspard and the Demons would get the turn around they needed shrinking the gap in the top of the fifth inning with five runs and a total of 18 runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings. In the end, the Demons fought the Indians to a 24-16 victory.

"Our guys came out and just battled," Gaspard said. "We could have packed it up there in the fourth inning, but to our guys' credit, they stayed focused and gave themselves a chance to win in the late innings."

Gaspard said the light just came on for the Demons and the Indians got panicked.

In the past Gaspard has said the team's youth was not an excuse for errors, but the Demon's youth turned out to be useful in this game as freshmen Michael Palermo, Scott Pittenger and Brandon Morgan stole the night. Together they ran around the Indians with seven RBIs and 11 runs for the night. Freshman Cory Keener would also gain from this game while bringing in his relieving win of the season.

In the week's other games, the Demons defeated the University of Northern Iowa 7-3 and Missouri 8-4. Anatole Vincent aided in the win over Missouri with a two-run home run in the seventh inning while Zach Sanches gained his first two saves of the season against both UNI and Missouri. Sanches, an NSU senior, was named Louisiana's


Sanches

"He can do anything we need him to do."
-Baseball Coach Mitch Gaspard
About Sanches who is the SLC and Louisiana's Pitcher of the Week

Pitcher of the Week as well as the Southland Conference's Pitcher of the Week while tacking one win and two saves onto his stat sheet.

Gaspard said Sanches' left-handed pitching and his ability to pitch any situation makes him the backbone of the Demon pitching staff.

"He can start, relieve and close," Gaspard said. "He can do anything we need him to do."

Though Wednesday's game against Texas Southern was cancelled due to weather it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 1.

This weekend the Demons will take on Arkansas State University in a three game series at Arkansas State followed by another away game against the Centenary Gents.

"In the future, see our ceiling growing, but after 11games I'm happy where we're at," Gaspard said.

Purple win streak spreads

NSU Demons win over ULM, Nicholls

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons are victorious again after losing to University of Louisiana-Monroe a week ago.

Their revenge came on the road Saturday, 83-78 in Southland Conference play.

NSU has won for the third time in four road games Saturday. The Demons are 6-17 overall, 6-10 SLC.

NSU freshmen forward Byron Allen gave them a reason to cheer as he filled the basket 10 of 15 times, including two monster dunks and five rebounds. This made the way for his second 20-point performance in the last four games.

NSU was ahead at halftime, 34-31 and they never looked back as the margin grew to as many as 12 points. ULM made it a one-possession game with 1:55 left on a layup by Tank Thompson to move within 75-72.

Nevertheless, the Demons came back to hit five of six free throws to stretch the game again.

ULM's Mark Keith tried to tie the game with 10 seconds remaining but NSU's Jermaine Spencer shut him down at the three-point line.

"Jermaine did a great job defending that play. Keith made two or three fakes and Jermaine hung with him, then went up to knock the shot off line," Mike McConathy said NSU head coach.

This victory was the first for the Demons over an opponent with a winning record in SLC play and the third in four trips to ULM for McConathy.

The Demons also got another all-around performance from Tyronn Mitchell with eight points, seven assists, seven steals and six rebounds. He was one steal shy of tying the single-game school record.

"Coach (McConathy) told me to stop thinking and just play," said Mitchell. "He said the ball is in my hands so its up to me to make it happen."

Northwestern also dismantled the Nicholls State Colonels along the way, 62-53.

The Demons opened the game early with a 10-2 lead and never looked back.

Nicholls came as close as four points with 1:27 to go from consecutive 3-point baskets, but the Demons did not bow down.

After missing four games with a concussion, NSU's Spencer came up big adding 11 points, seven rebounds, three steals and two blocks.

"We're very excited to have won two in a row and to get three of our last four on the road," McConathy said. 'The guys have kept working and we're getting better. It's just great to get some positive reinforcements."

This week ends the Demons home season: Thursday night against Lamar and Saturday evening against league-leading Sam Houston in Prather Coliseum.

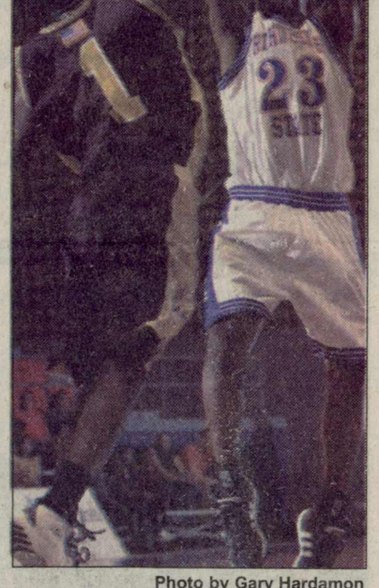


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Jermaine Wallace goes up for the shot in the face of an Indian guard. The Demons beat ULM 83-78 on Saturday.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
La'Terrica Dobin scored a game high 24 point in the lady Demons defeat of the ULM Lady Indians. The Demons won the game 75-71. No. 52, Katrina Swanigan, was awarded the SLC player of the week for her work in the games against ULM and Nicholls.

NSU ladies further SLC playoff chances

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons (14-9 overall, 11-5 SLC) won a thrilling game over the University of Louisiana-Monroe (11-12 overall, 8-8 SLC) 75-71 on Saturday.

With the win the Lady Demons avenged an 80-71 upset loss to the Lady Indians last week at Prather Coliseum.

After five ties and nine lead changes in a close game, La'Terrica Dobin came up with a loose ball to hold off ULM with 19 seconds to go.

Katrina Swanigan then hit two free throws with 17 seconds left to put NSU up 74-71. Anna Means added a free throw with one second left, after rebounding a missed three pointer to seal the win.

Dobin scored a game high 24 points by sinking 11 of 18 shots for the night. Swanigan was the second leading scorer with 20 points.

Dobin helped the Lady Demons erase a 47-41 deficit after halftime by leading NSU to a 15-1 run to get ahead for good. The win gives the Lady Demons a two-game win streak and pushes them up to fourth in the SLC. UT-San Antonio is still in first place with UT-Arlington in second place.

Swanigan and Dobin ignited the Lady Demoms to win against Nicholls last Thursday 75-52 snapping a two game losing skid.

Swanigan scored a career-best 30 points and made 10 shots in a row. She hit 14 out of 19 shots in the first 30-point game by a Lady Demon in three seasons. Dobin, one rebound shy of a triple-double, had 10 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

Amanda Bennett made her first career start in place of senior Angela Davidson with 13 points and 7 rebounds.

Head Coach James Smith said that Davidson just needed a rest and that the team needed a lineup change. He also said that she is not playing well right now.

Helping the cause was a strong defensive effort by NSU. The Lady Demons held Nicholls to 29 percent shooting for the night and outrebounded the Lady Colonels 42-37.

The big games for Swanigan on Thursday and Saturday helped her land SLC Player of the Week honors. Swanigan becomes the fourth Lady Demon to win the SLC Player of the Week award this year.

Up next for the Lady Demons is a two-game home stand against Lamar tonight and Sam Houston State on Saturday. Both teams are last and second to last respectively in SLC standings.

NSU will be looking to sweep the season series against both teams. Tip off for Thursday's game is 5:45 p.m. with a 2 p.m. tip off for Saturday's game.

Demon softball drops three to Bobcats, travel to ULL tournament

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

The Demon softball team ended a disheartening series at home last weekend against the Southwest Texas State Bobcats. The defending Southland Conference champion Bobcats swept the Demons in a three game series.

In the first game of the series SWT's Nicole Neuerburg struck out 10 batters and held the Demons to only four hits.

Throughout the game the Bobcats never allowed the Demons past second base. The Demons would lose that game with a low score of 0-3.

In the second game of Sunday's doubleheader the Demons picked up the pace scoring six runs in the bottom of the second. NSU's Nicole Martin, Sarina Noack and Lindsay Leftwich helped in the six run inning. Martin hit a two-run triple while Leftwich and Noack cranked out a pair of RBI singles.

However, the Demons allowed the Bobcats to come back in the third by allowing three runs to score on three errors. The Bobcats came out the winners of game two 11-9.

"When you are up 6-1 you don't expect to lose," Head Coach Eileen Schmidt said.

On the heels of a near win, the Demons came back to avenge their losses against the Bobcats on Monday.

The Demons allowed the Bobcats to score single runs in the first four innings but Demons did not score at all. Neither team scored for the rest of the game as the Demons fell to the Bobcats 0-4.

Schmidt said the mistakes made by the team were mental mistakes but they would not hold down the Demons.

"When you're going through a rough stretch, don't stop. Just keep moving forward," Schmidt said..

Although Wednesday's doubleheader against the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs was canceled due to wintry weather conditions, the Demons will have a chance to do some persevering next week as they begin the Louisiana-Lafayette Tournament. There they will play a doubleheader against the University of Notre Dame and McNeese State University on Friday and another doubleheader against McNeese and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday. The Demons play their final game in the tournament against Notre Dame on Sunday.

The way I see it:

NASCAR, Baby

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

NASCAR is the fastest growing sport-more people attend the Daytona 500 than the Super Bowl. Races on Sunday average a higher fan attendance and more T.V. viewers than most U.S. sporting events.

West

NASCAR is a sport and here is why:

The drivers in NASCAR are in shape. You might doubt that, but it is the truth.

All drivers are slim and are on special carbohydrate diets that allow them to drive the distances they drive. This is not a Sunday stroll down I-49 at 70 mph, this is hard hitting competitive racing.

Also, the drivers train to take the wrecks that might happen. Believe it or not, you have to be in good shape to withstand hitting a concrete wall at 190 mph.

I do not believe any other sport dishes out hits like that, except maybe the NFL. The only difference is NASCAR drivers race the next week and NFL players sit out 4 to 6 weeks in embarrassment.

They only make left turns. This is not a true statement at all. Drivers compete on a different racetrack each week and none of them are alike.

There are two NASCAR road courses in which drivers turn right and left. Track superstars run in old '80s work out shorts and only turn left, yet they are called athletes.

Why are NASCAR drivers not athletes? Drivers can at least bump the other competitors while track runners cannot.

Track is boring; NASCAR is exciting.

Drivers do not whine. They also never forget. If a wreck happens the driver jumps back in his car and goes after the idiot that caused him to spin out.

There is nothing like seeing a race driver standing on the track and giving an idiot the finger or pointing to his backside and telling him to kiss it.

No other sport has as much danger or drama involved. NASCAR has lost several drivers over the last couple of years, more than any other sport.

Drivers do not whine like NBA guys and dive to the floor to get the foul. NBA and MLB are full of crybabies.

There is no crying in racing. Just shut up, sit down and hold on for the ride. Injuries do not matter.

NASCAR is getting bigger week by week. Tune into a race and see what you are missing.

The next race is Sunday at Las Vegas and it will air on Fox at 1:30 p.m.

The man to watch this weekend is Kurt Busch as he hopes to extend his points lead and remain on fire. He has finished in the top five the last two races.

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SGApathy:

President, vice president, treasurer, 10 senators all elected unopposed

■ *10 senate seats remain unfilled; 2002 presidential challenger Dustin Floyd disqualified from filing.*

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

Despite a flurry of action at the end of the SGA election filings Friday, every student government position that was up for election either went unfilled or was won unopposed, including the SGA presidency.

By the day's end, SGA Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux and his running mate, senator Scott Manguno, became president- and vice president-elect of NSU's student body.

Only 10 of the 20 senator-at-large seats were applied for. Comeaux will have to appoint senators to the vacant seats once his term begins next year.

Edward L. "Beau" Boudreaux, III, who filed for treasurer, also won uncontested.

Comeaux

Manguno

Boudreaux is a writer and advertisement sales representative for the *Current Sauce*.

Since nobody contested seats in either the senate or the executive offices, only SAB positions and SGA amendments and bylaws will be voted upon in April's elections.

The SGA experienced a few last-second surprises Friday as the time ran out for application filings.

Just after noon on Friday, senator Casey Ponder called to notify vice presidential candidate Scott Manguno that Zach Pulliam intended to run for president, and that she would be Pulliam's running mate.

Pulliam, though just recently appointed, was eligible for the position due to previous service on the senate.

Shortly after Ponder's call, Pulliam privately met with fellow Pi Kappa Phi fraternity member Greg Comeaux to discuss the possibility of running against him for president.

After their meeting Pulliam and Ponder announced that they would not go ahead with their filings and concede the

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Faculty in print

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

Need to know about anarchist terrorism? Discrimination in the service industry? Sex and Recipes? Salamander slime coats?

All those topics, and more, are part of the 325 published works that NSU faculty produced over much of the last two years.

The works were published between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002, on the state, national and international level. The publications ranged from articles in referred journals, to lecture series, to chapters of books and even entire books.

> ***"The University allows someone like myself to explore many different avenues of research interests."***
>
> **–Michael Bodri**
> Biology professor

Louisiana Scholars' College history professor Richard Jensen took the fall and spring off to complete his second book, *The International Campaign Against Anarchist Terrorism*. Jensen's book will focus on the diplomatic efforts of Austria, Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain to control anarchist terrorists from 1880 to 1914.

Jensen's first book, published in 1991, was about law and order in Italy in the 19th century, and during his research for the book he was intrigued by the important role the anarchist terrorists played in shaping policy. Since that time Jensen has been researching and gathering information for his second book.

Jensen spent about one year looking through European archives where he had to translate each document before he could tell if it would be useful. Besides having to translate four foreign languages, Jensen had to deal with the evolution of the written word. 19th century German writing is markedly different, so much so, that Jensen sought out a 19th century children's reading book to guide him in reading the documents.

Jensen taught Terrorism and Counterterrorism, a seminar class in the Scholars' College, where the students learned anarchists were synonymous with terrorists in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

"Anarchists are people that believe society is oppressed by great institutions, particularly government," Jensen said. "Their idea was that you could have a federation of small freely elected or freely organized governments and economic institutions."

Anarchists spread to every continent and threatened the stability of the ruling governments.

"Teddy Roosevelt said in 1908 that anarchism was the greatest threat to world civilization," Jensen said. "Now it's [terrorism] connected with religion in a way that it wasn't connected back then, and now its much more highly organized. Anarchists were not organized."

Photo by Candice Pauley
Louisiana Scholars' College professor Richard Jensen holds a Sept. 10, 1898 edition of the *New York Journal*, part of his research for a book about anarchist terrorism.

Jensen's book will trace the rise of anarchism in Europe and discuss some of the theories why anarchist terrorism declined. Jensen's book should be available in bookstores in about a year.

English professor and Director of the Louisiana Folklife Center Lisa Abney already has two books in print. Abney worked with American literature professor Suzanne Disheroon-Green to edit and publish *Songs of the New South: Writing Contemporary Louisiana* in 2001 and *Songs of the Reconstructing South: Building Literary Louisiana, 1865-1945* in 2002.

Abney and Disheroon-Green's books are part of a series that include essays analyzing the novels written by Louisiana writers. *Songs* would be helpful for a student who may not understand some of the themes presented in novel.

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Financial Aid cited for quality work

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

The Student Financial Aid/Scholarship Office received the title of being a "Quality Assured Institution" from the national Department of Education.

The Financial Aid/Scholarship Office at NSU received the "Quality Assurance Desiganation," which is the same as accreditation for academic departments.

This designation is given to those institutions that are the best of the best and have proven to continually meet the needs of the students.

"This is something we are extremely proud of," Director of Student Financial Aid Misti Chelette said.

According to a memo from the Department of Student Affairs, NSU is the only school in Louisiana to hold this title.

The DOE passed the final judgment on whether the school had met the strict criteria for the designation.

The office received notice of its approval last week.

To maintain this designation NSU must submit annual reports to the DOE.

NSU to consider fast transfer for TOPS money

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

NSU is considering a faster way to get students their TOPS money.

NSU will be testing Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for TOPS this summer. EFT allows money and information from the state to be wired to the University's account.

While NSU students wait for TOPS to arrive, Southeastern Louisiana University students have received TOPS through EFT.

"With EFT, it doesn't take all semester, and it runs better," said Pamela Hoover, assistant director of scholarships and

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Corrections

The unidentified man in last week's page 1 Wellness Center groundbreaking photo last week was former Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey. We regret this omission and apologize to Mr. Lindsey and our readers.

Tuition to increase 3% this summer

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

Tuition for all students will again be increasing by three percent for the next academic year, starting with this summer.

The increase will affect not only students attending the main campus in Natchitoches, but also those attending the Leesville/Fort Polk campus, the Shreveport campus and the Cenla satellite campus as well.

Vice President of Business Affairs Carl Jones said the increase, in terms of dollars, is based upon how many credit hours are taken. For students taking one to three hours, the tuition will increase by $7.50, and for every extra hour the amount increases by $3.50. Full time students with 12 or more hours will receive a tuition increase of $39.

Director of Student Financial Aid Misti Chelette said the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) would pay for the increase.

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a state agency created specifically to coordinate all public higher education in Louisiana, instituted the tuition increase.

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Registration fee increase

Hours Enrolled	Fee Before Increase	Fee After Increase
3	$250.00	$257.50
6	$496.00	$514.00
9	$742.00	$770.50
12	$988.00	$1,027.50

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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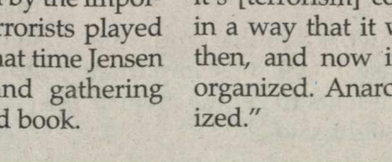

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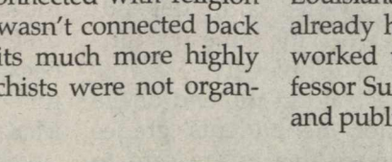

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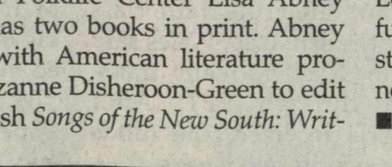

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Abney wrote about Michael Lee West's novel *She Flew the Coop: A Novel Concerning Life, Death, Sex and Recipes in Limoges, Louisiana.*

"I was examining the way folk elements worked to convey different themes and different ideas that she wanted to put forth," Abney said.

Psychology professor Catherine Hansen has had four articles published. Her latest one explored the differences between a class taught with traditional lecture and tests to a class taught with lectures and the reading of novels to highlight a topic.

Hansen said that the students in the experimental class were more excited about the class and would often read ahead in the novels. The class dealt with different social and cultural issues, and even preformed experiments in Natchitoches.

The students paired up to eat at local restaurants and tested to see if the race of their date affected the service. The couples were comprised of a white male and female, a black male and female, and a white female with a black male.

"We found that the mixed couple, the white and black person, were treated the worst overall," Hansen said. "That couple was seated in the back of the restaurant...and the white female was given the check, the wait staff wasn't very friendly with them whereas the wait staff was friendly with the other couples."

In addition to conducting experiments the students had to find a three to five minute movie clip displaying one of the topics discussed and give a brief presentation about it.

Hansen found that the evaluations were better for the new class, but that the exam grades did vary between the two classes. The first exam was taught the same way for both classes, and showed no difference in test scores. However, the second exam scores were much higher for the class that read the novels and did experiments. Hansen thinks the grades dropped on the third exam because of the added stress of the movie presentation.

"I realized that if I am bored in class then the students must be 40 times as bored as I am," Hansen said. "So that just lecturing behind a podium just doesn't work nowadays, you kind of have to entertain students to keep them interested. It's when they're interested that you can get them motivated and get them to learn things."

Biology professor Michael Bodri has published an abstract- a brief overview of a coming publication- about the blood levels of antibiotics in snakes, an article about environmental enrichment in Marmosets—small monkeys—and has written two chapters for Ohio State's new textbook *Invertebrate Medicine* that could be out later this year.

One chapter is about free-living nematodes, commonly called roundworms, and the other on planarians, a type of flat worms.

Bodri has a host of biological interests and is seeking a grant for plant tissue cultures while he works with a NASA/University Joint Venture (JOVE) student to determine if the slime coat of different species of salamanders native to Louisiana have antibiotic properties.

"NSU is a great place to work because instead of having one very small niche, the University allows someone like myself to explore many different avenues of research interests," Bodri said.

Bodri is currently working with two students to have their articles published. In Bodri's herpetology class at a previous university, several students got their class research papers published in non-scientific magazines.

SGA

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election to Comeaux and Manguno. Pulliam said Comeaux was a more qualified candidate and opted not to run against him.

"I think maybe another year's marinating may make me a better candidate," Pulliam said.

Five minutes before the 4:30 p.m. deadline, last year's presidential election challenger Dustin Floyd filed for president with former SGA treasurer Justin Owens as his vice presidential candidate.

"The students need a choice," Floyd said. "The SGA president is a big job and it's something that needs to be fought for."

Those SGA members who had gathered to watch the closing minutes of filing saw Floyd and Owens's candidacy with both surprise and humor.

"I think he's pretty much teaching everyone else the lesson that I taught him; you can't let anything go uncontested," SGA president Stacie Cosby said.

> ***"Any election where Dustin Floyd's name is not on the ballot is not an election worth voting in."***
>
> **–Dustin Floyd**
> Former SGA Presidential Candidate

She had filed in the closing minutes of last year's election to run against Floyd and found great humor in seeing him use her own trick.

Comeaux and Manguno laughed less, though, as the possibility of an uncontested victory apparently fell by the wayside. Though they were shocked by the reemergence of Floyd and Owens, they remained confident that they would win.

"We'll have to wage the campaign the way Scott and I envisioned the campaign," Comeaux said.

Floyd had been forced to leave the senate this semester due to his grade point average. This raised certain concerns about his ability to run.

"The eligibility question is an issue, but I think in due time that's all going to be taken care of," Floyd said.

Due time, in this case, ended up being about 10 minutes. Only five minutes after the deadline passed and the political race officially began, Floyd and Owens were disqualified. Floyd's grade point average was in fact too low for him to qualify to run for president.

According to the SGA constitution, candidates must have a 2.0 GPA the semester prior to the election and a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Floyd seemed to have expected this outcome and was not visibly upset in the least. He instead made a joke of the situation and urged students not to vote in the election due to his disqualification.

"Any election where Dustin Floyd's name is not on the ballot is not an election worth voting in," Floyd said.

He spoke seriously, however, about the necessity of choice in elections. He saw his short-lived candidacy more as a statement than a true bid and urged students to get more involved in the SGA.

Floyd's urgings for participation were not heard in this election however. With the Floyd and Owens ticket disqualified, Comeaux and Manguno won by default.

"There are things that have to be addressed as far as the SGA goes and as far as the campus goes," Floyd said. "I ask for the common students to get together to let your feelings be known and let the new SGA president know how you feel in all of these matter," Floyd said.

TOPS

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veteran services.

At SLU, the billing information is sent after the 14th class day of the semester. It took a little over a week for the funds to reach the school.

Joni Abshire, a junior elementary education major, received her TOPS refund check on March 1.

"It takes way too long for it to come in," Abshire said. "Some people, like myself, have to wait a whole month for a student worker check and a lot of people depend on the TOPS refund."

"With new management and staffing, we were able to explore EFT for TOPS," Misti Chelette, head of financial aid, said.

Chelette said with EFT, the funds from the state can be sent faster to the University but has to still be checked manually. With EFT, students won't have to worry about losing a paper check because it is sent by wire.

The Louisiana Office of Financial Assistance in Baton Rouge administers the funding of TOPS. Gus Wales, director of public information and communication, said funds for TOPS are sent through a computer link between the state and the University.

Wales said the University must first tell the state how much each student is to receive any time after the 14th class day of the semester. Wales said the funds are normally transferred through EFT. After billing is received, the funds can be sent in two weeks.

"The sooner the University sends their billing request, the sooner they will receive the funds," Wales said.

Once the state sends the funds to the school, it is the University's job to disburse the funds.

"It is not unusual that students are receiving funds in March," Wales said, "depending on when the semester started for the University."

Wales said at the end of the semester, the students' grades and course hours are sent to the state before the next billing to determine eligibility for the next semester.

While the state said it is important that the University sends the information on time, TOPS counselor Tish McKnight said that TOPS can be sent only when the proper information is verified from the state.

"I work night and day because I feel it is important for students to get the money," McKnight said.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Healthfest 2003

NSU's Department of Health and Human Performance and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital will host Healthfest 2003 on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

Spanish Club

Salsa Night will be on April 8 from 7-11 p.m. Raffle prizes include lunch bags, thermos, T-shirts and gift certificates.

Northwestern Environmental Organization

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sunday at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Freshman Factor

Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

Catholic Student Organization (CSO)

To raise money for the American Cancer Society, the CSO of Holy Cross Catholic Church is having its annual jambalaya dinner April 5 from 5-7 p.m. and April 6 from noon-2 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $5 a plate. All proceeds go to the ACS. For more information call 352-2615.

Phi Mu

Phi Mu fraternity will have a garage sale on Saturday starting at 7 a.m. No early birds. The garage sale will be held at the First Methodist Church on Second Street. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

KNWD

KNWD is looking for DJs to fill open time slots. If you are inquiring a time slot, come on by Room 109 in Kyser Hall and see either Brad or Warner. We are looking for a few good DJs! Slots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Senate and Supreme Court appointment applications are available in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information, call Greg Comeaux at 357-4501.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

The *Current Sauce* did not get the campus police blotter for the week. For information on campus crime, call 357-5431 or stop by the campus police department.

Tuition

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According to the Official Louisiana Board of Regents website, the tuition increase is one of three parts of a Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education that acts in accordance with Article VIII, Section 5 (D)(4) of the Louisiana Constitution.

According to the Louisiana Constitution, the Board of Regents is allowed to set the increase for tuition and mandatory fees as long as the rate of increase does not exceed three percent. According to the website, the increased percentage was determined by student credit hours because institutions have different academic program offerings with different costs.

The tuition increase will also affect all other four-year institutions in Louisiana as well. Jones said the last tuition increase was last year, and that there would be another increase for the 2004-5 academic year.

"Even after this, for this type of institution, students will still be paying $600 less than they should," Jones said.

More information can be found at the Official Louisiana Board of Regents website, at www.regents.state.la.us.

REPORTS OF ARMY SIGHTINGS IN YOUR AREA

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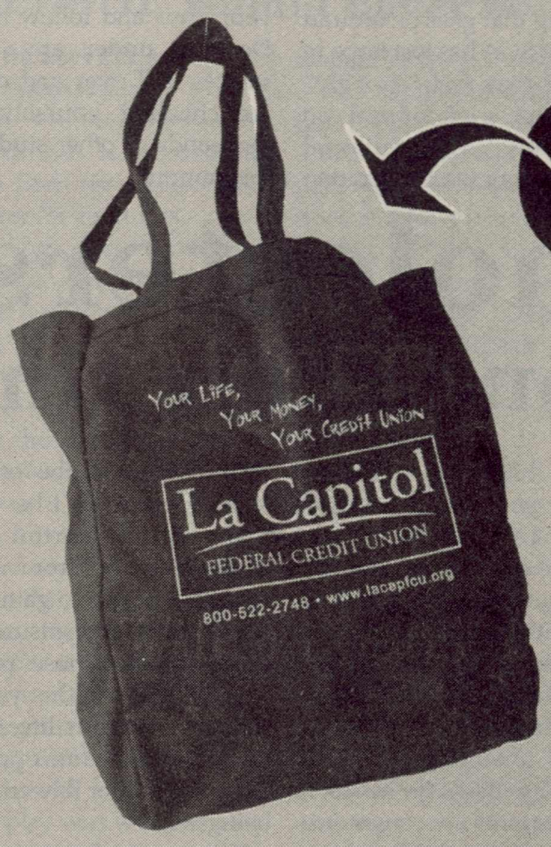

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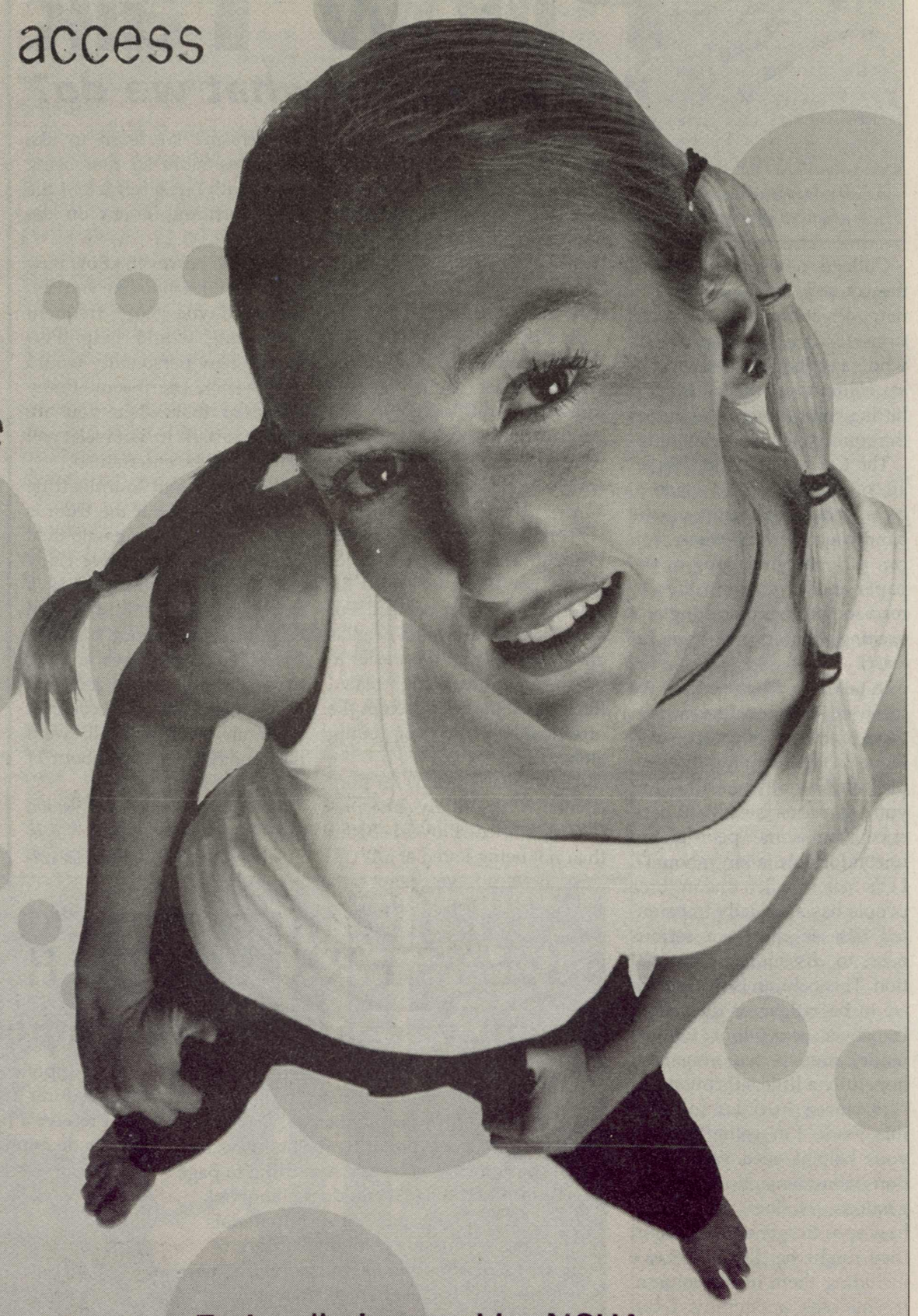

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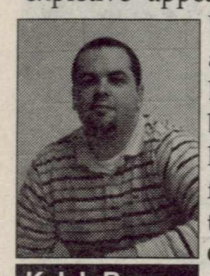
Editor apologizes for expletive, questions SGA advisors



Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

I would like to begin this week's editorial with an apology. Last week on page 8 an expletive appeared in Patrick West's story about the NSU Lady Demon basketball team losing in the first round of the Southland Conference tournament. The expletive appeared in a quote by junior guard La'Terrica Dobin. It was my opinion that the quote captured the emotion throughout the course of the basketball game.

I would like to apologize to Dobin for allowing the quote to appear in print. I was unaware of the trouble it was going to bring her. For this, I am sorry. Secondly I would like to apologize to the team and the athletic department for our poor editorial judgment. Dobin is not to blame in the matter.

Now onto more business.

On Feb. 13 the Current Sauce reported that Sue Johanson, the host of "The Sunday Night Sex Show," was possibly going to be the speaker for the Student Government Association's Distinguished Lecturer Series next fall. In the story Mindy McConnell, the author of the legislation that would have brought Johanson to NSU, said that "students would attend" a speaker of that nature.

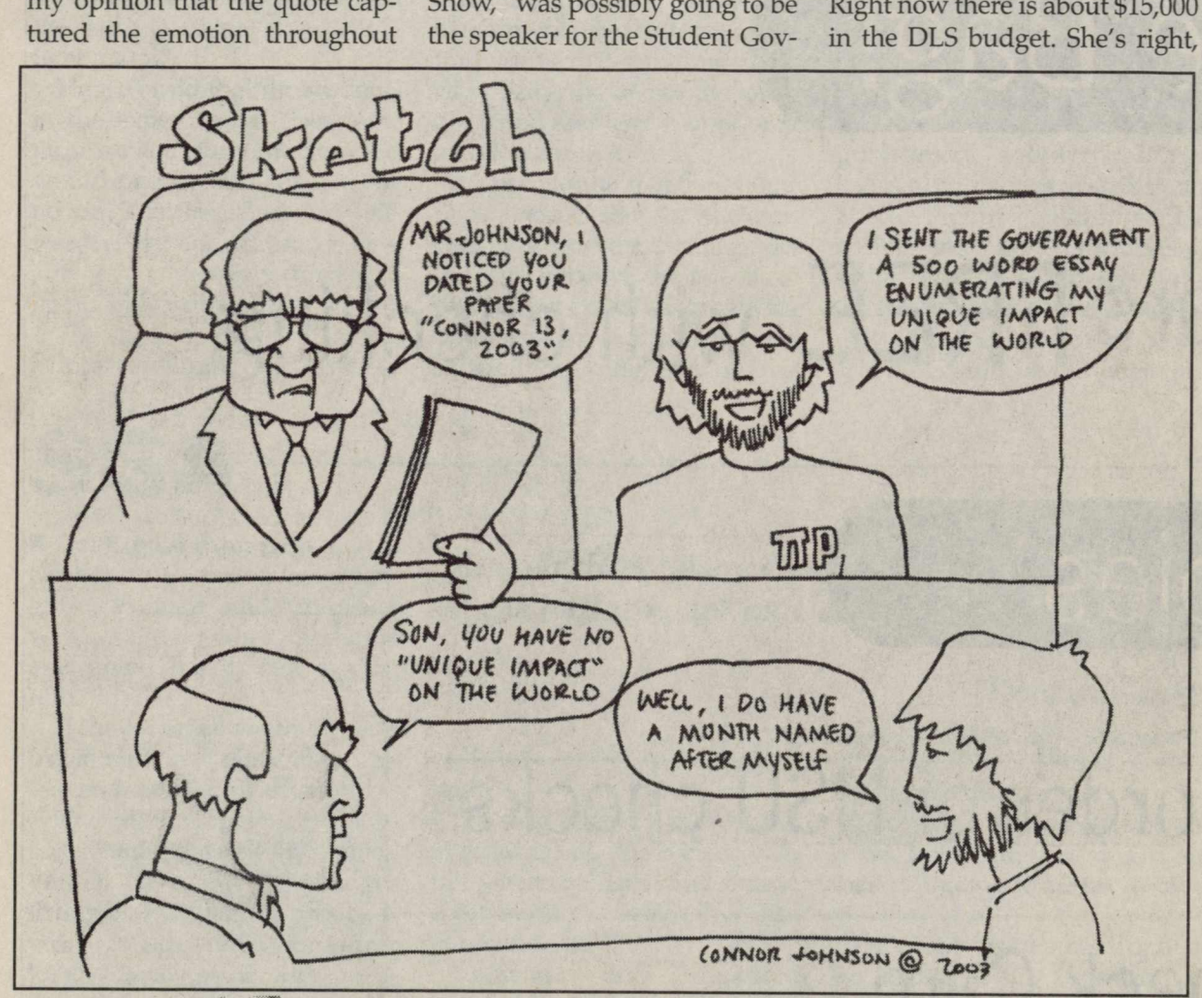
Also in the story McConnell discussed the costs to have Johanson come to speak. The $10,000 fee to have Johanson speak would have been paid for by the Distinguished Lecturer Series budget, a budget made by student fees that you pay for. Right now there is about $15,000 in the DLS budget. She's right, who wouldn't go see a celebrity such as Sue Johanson's speak on topics like safe sex. Come on, you know you would.

There is the catch; enter the administration. Last week the Sauce staff got word that SGA advisor Carl Henry shot down the idea of having Johanson come to NSU to speak. In an interview on Monday McConnell said that Henry felt that Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, would not sign off on the legislation. McConnell told me she was going to pull the legislation from the table.

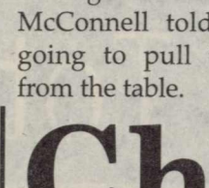
"I don't want the conflict," she said.

How can a University faculty/staff have control over a student-assessed fee? The situation just doesn't make sense. Our student government, the governing body of the students by the students, is run by University advisors and vice presidents. I am really beginning to believe students no longer have a say so in anything that goes on around here. If our SGA has lost hope in something they feel "strongly" in, what hope is left for us. I can write editorial after editorial about how our administration sucks and how nothing will ever get accomplished, but why do it anymore.

Students of NSU, let's grow some balls and stand up to our administration. We are being pushed around by the administration. I am not asking for a revolt against the administration, but just stand up to them. If there is something that you believe so strongly in, stick by your guns and follow through. Do not, under any circumstances, roll over and die. You are cheating yourselves and thousands of other students on this campus.



Child molesters: They've done their time



Edward L. Boudreaux III
Opinion

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Megan's Law, which requires released child molesters to register in their communities, is constitutional.

Let me start by saying that I think child molestation is a horrible experience for the child and is under no circumstances excusable. However, I think that once a child molester has finished his jail term he should be allowed to return to civilian life without undue harassment.

If you make someone who has just got out of jail register with all his neighbors, all you are going to do is alienate the individual who is trying to integrate back into society. The ex-con already has the stigmatism of doing jail time, loosing several years of his life. Some can't vote or own a firearm, and all have to check in with a parole officer as often as judge sees fit. I thought Nathaniel Hawthorne showed us the dangers of labeling an individual, especially in a small town.

During informal interviews I conducted with about 18 students, almost all the females agreed with the law and said they would then look after their children much more closely if a child molester moved nearby. About half of the males felt that once the convict served his jail time he should be free to start his life over.

Making released child molesters register for the next 10 years is not going to make neighborhood children remarkably safer. Unfortunately, almost 75 percent of molestations occur at the hands of a family member so monitoring your neighbor is not the answer. Another question that haunts me is, how does one go to jail for sexual abuse?

Well the obvious answer is a crime is committed, the person is tried and then convicted. But where were the vigilant mothers and fathers of those children? Being a good parent is not a full time job, it requires much more than 40 hours a week. If parents are consistently aware of their child's activities and whereabouts instead of just during heightened security alerts, perhaps molestation cases would diminish.

Even if there are fewer sex offenders, what do you do with those who break the law? I reject the answers of several of my peers who suggested execution, life imprisonment or castration, which interestingly would only apply to male offenders. I agree with the judicial system's sliding scale of punishment in relation to the nature and severity of the crime, with the exception of life imprisonment for a single first time offense.

Instead of just letting those individuals spend X number of years lifting weights and making contacts with other convicts, we should have job skills training but more importantly intensive therapy sessions.

There could be a host of reasons why a father abused his own daughter. The key to rehabilitating the offender is to understand why he committed these acts and through therapy heal him so it never happens again.

Some say that sex offenders can never be cured; I agree there is probably a small percent of that population that cannot be reformed. Registration in conjunction with continued counseling sessions could be effective in preventing future abuse.

But many of the offenders can be reformed, I have made many terrible hurtful choices in my life and from most of them I was able to gain insight into myself and ensure that I do not make those mistakes again. I am sure that you have the same in your life, so why not grant that same opportunity to these other flawed human beings?

If an ex-con feels unaccepted and like an outsider, what incentive does he have to conform to the rules of a society that flatly reject him? If we can integrate that person into society then we greatly reduce the likelihood of him becoming a predator again.

Obviously, I think there should be limitations on his actions. Not being able to go within X amount of feet of a school, playground or day care center. You don't let a recovering alcoholic work in Jack Daniel's warehouse.

Nevertheless, these people could get jobs as factory workers, mechanics or a host of other possibilities and start giving back to society.

According to the State Police's website (www.lsp.org) there are 18 registered molesters living in Natchitoches Parish, two of whom are in non-compliance with the law. Even with all these registration efforts did you know that?

Now that you are aware that bad people are out there, and unfortunately they always are, how are you going to change your behavior? Exactly, you are going to start doing what you should have been doing in the first place.

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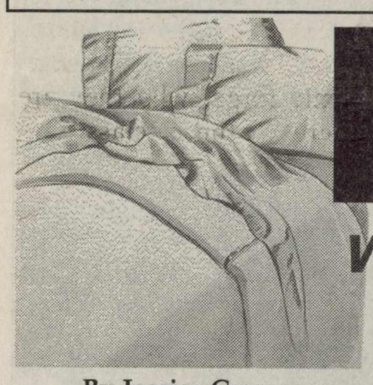
Pillow Talk

Why do we do what we do?



By Jessica Cramer
Sauce Columnist

College newspapers across the country are swinging in a new direction and everyone, from *Playboy* to *Cosmopolitan*, who says that student-written sex columns are the latest trend hitting college campuses across the country, is talking about it.

The *Current Sauce* staffers, in all of their infinite wisdom, have decided to jump on the bandwagon. Every week, you can pick up your copy of the paper and sit down in Vic's to read something interesting and exciting (that is my hope, at least).

In talking with the editor, we came to the conclusion that there is a need for an open dialogue in this community. People, maybe not you with all of your glorious sexual experience, but some people, are uncomfortable talking about IT. Let's face it; when one in three people has a sexually transmitted disease there's a serious need to disseminate information. This column is not intended to be vulgar or disgusting (however, exceptions will be made), merely humorous, and hopefully a little educational.

However, in order to make this work, I'm going to need your help. I need your questions, comments, tips and suggestions. It does not matter how specific, general, or stupid they might be; I'm not above including them in the column. If you seek anonymity, I can make that happen. But you have to write in!! Email me at currentsauce_pillowtalk@hotmail.com. Even if I can't use your question or comment in the column, I will do my level best to respond to you personally.

Now, onto this week's topic: Why do women continue to date to men who are bad for them? I'm being unfair; men continue to date to women who treat them like crap.

So, why do we do that? Why do we continue to cling to the biggest loser in a 50-mile radius? Is the sex just that good? Sometimes. Is it a warped sense of comfort from which we can not escape? Probably.

People are afraid to be alone. Whether it is with friends or lovers, people have a need for emotional human contact. For some, it is as relevant a need as air. I suppose that it is easier to go through life being treated like crap than it is to accept the often-cold reality of being alone.

Are we just gluttons for punishment? Absolutely, but pretending someone loves is better than not being loved at all.

So, how do we wean ourselves from this pattern of masochism? We learn to like ourselves more so that being alone with one's self is not the most torturous event on the planet.

I do not, however, know how you might learn to like yourself more. Maybe more frequent showering would help. Perhaps a new personality would do the trick. Learn some funny jokes, so that when you are forced to talk to yourself, you can at least be entertained.

I know I might sound a trifle unsentimental, but the truth is we go back to people who treat us like crap because we enjoy the drama that surrounds a hopeless relationship. If a man couldn't bitch about his girlfriend, he would have nothing to talk about except jock-itch and football. If women couldn't bitch about men, well, we'd have nothing to talk about at all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faculty senate requests sanction on flyers

I am writing as Social Sciences Representative to the NSU Faculty Senate. In the February meeting of the Faculty Senate, the matter of excessive flyers polluting the hallways of NSU buildings was raised. According to page 64 of the 2002-03 NSU Student Handbook, there is a policy for posting such materials involving permission from the Director of Student Activities and Organizations. Therefore, the NSU Faculty Senate requests that the *Current Sauce* print some form of reminder about this policy in the effort to ensure proper procedures are followed. I also request that I receive a reply to this e-mail with the editor's decision on this request.

Thank you,
Dr. Greg Granger
Social Sciences Representative,
NSU Faculty Senate

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Yesterday's superstitions, TODAY'S TRADITIONS

A look into the beliefs and rituals that many theater students live by and the reasons behind why 'Macbeth' should never be uttered in the theater.

By Levi Petree
Sauce Reporter

Superstition is something that has been associated with the theater for centuries.

Nowadays, these traditions are not taken quite as seriously but some performers still abide by them.

For instance, it is best never to say the name "Macbeth" while in the dressing room or anywhere backstage. It is better to refer to it as "the Scottish play."

The penalty for uttering the infamous "M" word is to leave the room, turn around three times, spit over your right shoulder and ask for permission to re- enter the room.

This superstition stems from a 600-year-old legend. At the time the play was written, King James of England avidly researched demonology and witchcraft, and it was believed that the play's incantations were based on real ones.Out of respect for the real incantations, it was thought best not to mention the play's name.

Whether people actually believe these legends or not does not keep them from following tradition. In the fall of 2000, Jack Wann, head of the NSU Theatre Department, directed the Scottish play and he made sure that his cast had the same respect as others before them.

"I did it more as a salute to tradition than to a salute to supernaturalism," Wann said.

The name "Macbeth" is not the only thing that will strike fear into a theater person's soul. Never, under any circumstance, wish a performer "Good Luck." This is thought to be bad luck. It is preferable to tell an actor to "break a leg." Dancers exchange the French curse word "merde" before entrance.

Some other spook stories in theater are:

- whistling will make things drop on an actor's head.
- wearing blue or yellow will make you forget your lines.
- shows should never open on a Friday.
- actors should always leave the dressing room with their left foot first.

Most theater performers have their own rituals and superstitions as well.

Junior theater major Jessica Marasco said she must have her Krewe of Bacchus doubloon from the year that Nicolas Cage was the grand marshal.

NSU head costume designer Sharon Foster said that she never allows herself to go to opening night.

"Any time I've gone on opening, something bad has always happened," Foster said.

Wann says that he is not very superstitious but he does have his beliefs.

"I'm a big believer in karma and I feel that whatever you exude is going to come back at you," Wann said.

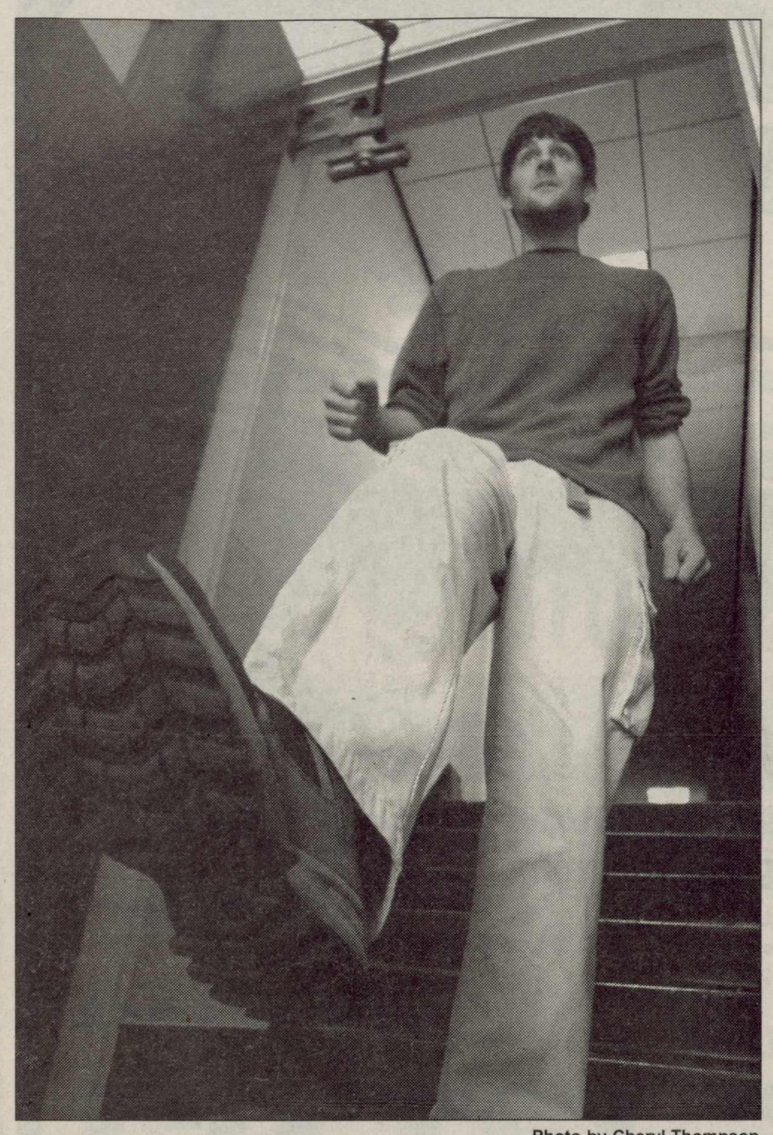

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Ross Schexnayder steps out right foot first, a big taboo in the theater.

Demon Decorum with KT

Classroom respect

By Katy Andres
Sauce Columnist

I have spent almost three years at NSU, yet every semester I am still amazed at the rudeness I encounter in the classroom.

The hours spent in class force us to interact with many different people, and while we may never build significant relationships with every member of a class, there are several things we should keep in mind that will help make the experience better for everyone involved.

It is important to remember that you do not have to be here; when you come to class, it is by your own free will.

Therefore, come to class on time.

Bring the required texts and materials with you.

Though these ideas may seem obvious, they are often ignored due to laziness and/or apathy.

Once inside the classroom, many students suddenly forget why they are there; the classroom becomes a cafeteria or a social lounge.

Some professors allow snacks, especially for long classes, but an entire Blimpie® meal is ridiculous.

Passing notes and whispering back an forth is both disrespectful and immature.

If the message is that desperately important, quietly leave the class and spare us from playing courier.

One of the most irritating things for me to witness is blatant disrespect, regardless of the recipient.

We should offer the respect of listening to our colleagues' opinions, no matter how irrelevant or invalid we think they are.

This respect can be furthered by refraining from interrupting people.

Your professors deserve your respect for dedicating their lives to your education.

Do not bring work for another class; this tells the professor that their class is less important than the classwork that you are working on.

Also, naptime ended in Kindergarten. If you cannot stay awake, leave.

It is far less rude to quietly leave prematurely than it is to snore and drool for most of the class.

As I said before, no one has to be here.

We have chosen to further our education here at NSU, so take the initiative, make the most out of it, and you will get the most out of it.

■ ***Katy Andres is a junior humanities major at the Louisiana Scholars' College. Her etiquette column appears weekly in the L & E section.***

Student art show on display

Results of Student Art Show:
Paintings:
1st:Cass Whaley, "My Blue Peach"
2nd:Dan Grissom, "Dead Fish with Chopsticks"
3rd: Chris Kegerreis, "Gone Surfing"
Sculptures:
1st: Phillip Brooks, "Life"
2nd: Joseph Johnson, "Sculptor 1"
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2nd: Johnna Oweki, "Child Abuse"
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People's Choice Award:
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Best of Show:
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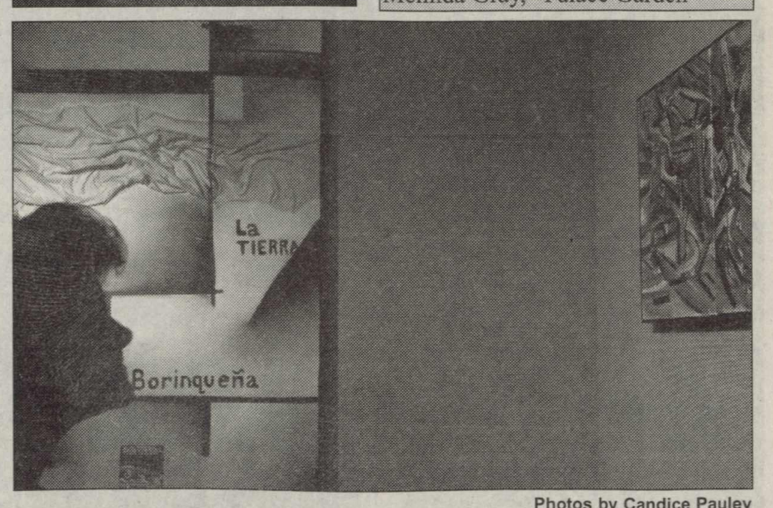

Photos by Candice Pauley
Far above: Amanda Custis and Andrea Creamer studies artwork by their peers. Above: Pat Couty stops to observe student art work in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery.

By Toi Le Shea Rogers
Sauce Reporter

What could bring student artwork, the Back Porch Band and a funny emcee together?

The second annual Student Art Show presented by the Student Art Society.

"Putting on these shows really shows us what it will be like when we graduate," Tobi Guedry, president of the Student Art Society, said.

Many of the artist said that they like to be in art shows.

"It is nice to have your work out for people to see and to just be able to show it off," Elliot Guedry, a featured artist, said.

There were four categories in which students participated and were judged: painting, photography, graphics and sculpture

This year's judge was Ted Barnes of Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

Although there were a number of honorable mentions, 10 students took home first through third place awards.

Not only were the pieces judged, but also they were sold for prices ranging from $20 to $825.

"I feel that some paintings should have been more expensive: they looked as if they were worth more than what they were being sold for," Brandi Johnson, a freshman, health and exercise science major, said.

Students, parents and family of the artists and Natchitoches locals were invited to come and partake in all of the artwork during the opening reception held on March 13.

"All of the pieces immediately grab your attention; they literally pull you to the walls," Courtney Davenport, a freshman, social work major, said.

"We are proud of him, he has surprised us with what he can do," Phillip Brooks Sr. said, after his son, Phillip Brooks, Jr. walked away with two first place awards in sculpture and photography.

The art show is held during the spring semester and is open to all students of NSU.

The 2003 Student Art Show is located in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery and will be up for viewing until March 28.

Friday boasts laundry list of Spring Fling activities

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Those who are coming up a "dollar short" will still be able to enjoy free crawfish and entertainment as Spring Fling 2003 and "All That Jazz" comes to an end tomorrow.

Jessica Breaux, SAB special events committee chairman, said her committee worked very hard to give a variety of events to the students.

There was not enough room for all of the events to occur in front of the Sylvan Friedman Student Union, so Friday's events are moved to the Prather Coliseum parking lot.

"I am looking forward to the crawfish boil," Jade Thibodeaux, senior elementary education major, said.

The band Dollar Short will play at the annual crawfish boil.

Breaux said they are well-known by students on campus and believes they will enhance the entire day.

Students who want to induce some fear into their lives can experience Extreme Air, a sky-diving simulator.

There will also be a mechanical bull and bumper cars.

You can finish up the day by kicking back in a big chair. SAB also offers big chair pictures that can be taken with a variety of large props.

Students can participate in candy art, in which they mix different colors of sugar to make a sweet concoction similar to Pixy Stix.

"We are hoping we have more students come. People don't have to stay the whole weekend. They can come and get some crawfish and hang out for a little while," Breaux said.

"I am satisfied with this week so far. It gave us a break in the week from homework. I enjoyed myself," Marcus Person, freshman biology major, said.

Spring Fling 2003

Events to take place:

Thursday:
GloZone-Black Light Party: "The Ultimate Dance Party Experience"
Student Union Ballroom
6-10 p.m.

Friday:
Annual Crawfish Boil featuring live music by *Dollar Short*.

Prather Coliseum Parking Lot
1-4 p.m.

There will be Big Chair Pictures, Candy Art, a Mechanical Bull, Bumper Cars, and Extreme Air.

Photo by Amanda Breaux
The Alley became a war zone Monday because of SAB's Zap Attack Lazer Tag. John Ivory, a freshman criminal justice major, aims as one one his targets run away to safe ground.

Study this.

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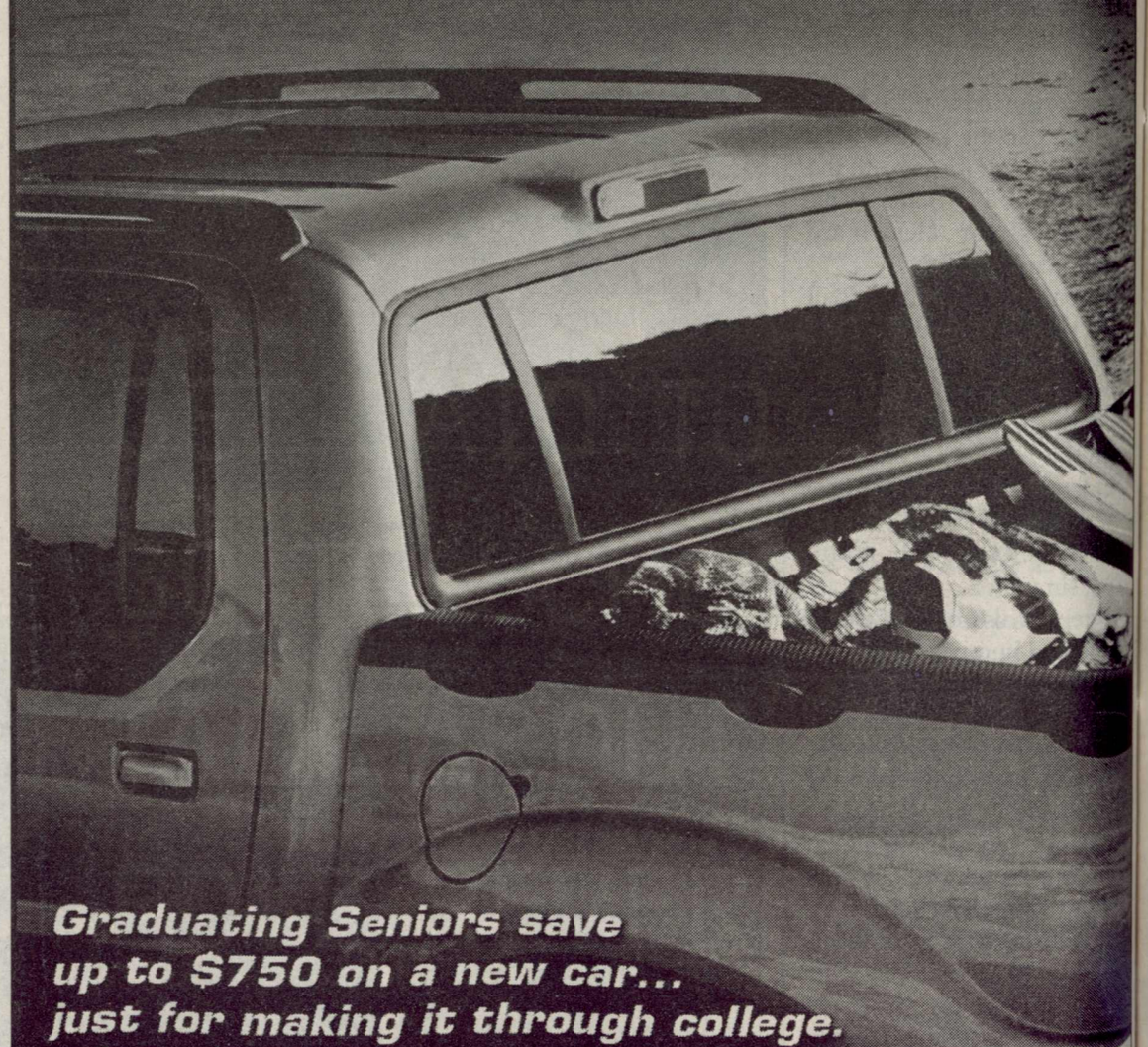

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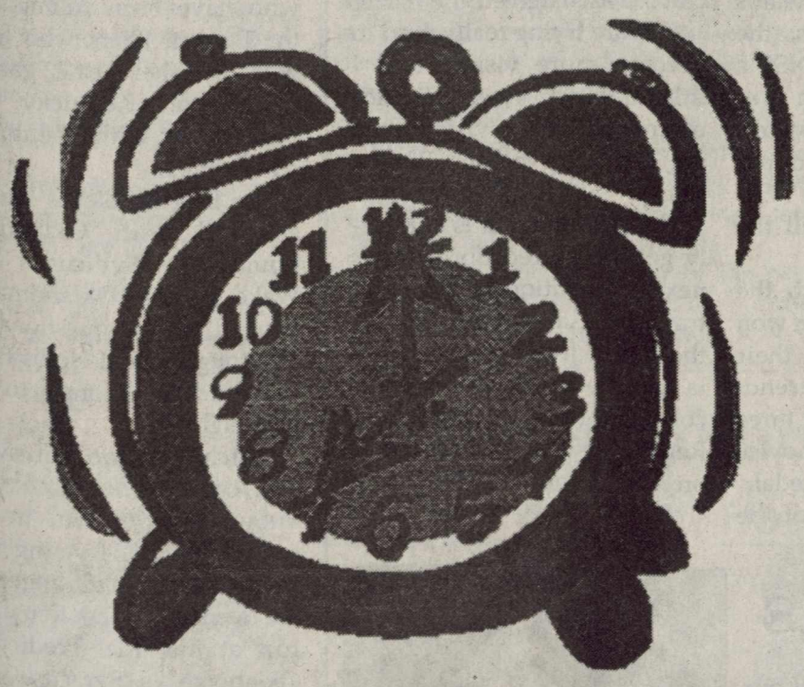

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Softball improves season with five game streak

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Great pitching and great hitting headline the current five game win streak for the Northwestern State Lady Demons this past week.

"We are playing better right now," Lady Demon head coach Eileen Schmidt said.

Northwestern State (7-18 overall, 3-3 SLC) swept visiting Louisiana-Monroe in a double-header on Saturday 4-0, 1-0 and a single game on Sunday 5-3.

On Saturday Amanda Ortego was one strike away from a no-hitter when ULM's Casey Goodman got a two out blooper in the seventh inning. Lindsey Danzy went three for three in a great hitting performance and Tasha Hess hit a solo home run in the win.

"Our pitching staff has pitched well and kept us in games, but our bats woke up and helped us out," Schmidt said.

The close second game was won by Nicole Martin's two out, seventh inning RBI single that completed the Northwestern series win.

Crista Miller followed up her perfect game with five hits in the complete game. Danzy contributed two more hits in the second game and Dawn Normand had a pair of hits for Northwestern.

NSU completed the sweep on Sunday in thrilling fashion. Hess hit a three-run bomb over the centerfield wall in the sixth to give the Lady Demons the lead. Miller then escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh to give NSU the sweep.

The victory was costly as senior pitcher/first baseman Ortego went down with an ankle injury. Ortego could be out for a month.

"Losing Amanda was a big blow to us, she is a big leader on the field," Schmidt said.

Hess had a huge weekend for NSU finishing with two home runs one was a crushing shot over the center field wall that went about 220 feet.

Up next for the Lady Demons is Centenary on Tuesday in a doubleheader that starts at 5 p.m. Northwestern State's next home game is Thursday at 5 p.m. and then league-leading Texas Arlington on Saturday at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader. NSU looks to continue its five game winning streak.

"We need to stay aggressive and play defense and to get the lead early, not wait until the seventh inning," Schmidt said.

The way I see it: March Madness

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

March is here and that means only one thing: March Madness.

The tournament that every college hoop fanatic dreams about is finally here and ready to start this Thursday. Well, it might start but thanks to our "shoot-first-ask questions later" President Bush the games could be pushed back. Let's delve into the brackets and see who will prevail and who will go home early.

West

Let us start in the stacked West. The most difficult bracket in the big dance includes heavy favorites Arizona, Kansas and Duke.

The big match up is Creighton against Western Kentucky. These two mid-major schools have a lot to prove and I am expecting Creighton to go far. No team passes the ball like the Bluejays, and Kyle Korver is one of the best pure shooters in the tournament. He could lead his team past Western Kentucky and could upset Duke, which has been inconsistent at times this season. Predictions: Arizona vs. Kansas with Kansas prevailing to the final four.

The Midwest seems like dream street for Kentucky who has been on a roll as of late. The Wildcats finished unbeaten in the tough SEC, no not SLC the harder division in the South.

The dark pick in this bracket is Missouri, which has tons of talent and almost won the Big 12 tournament, but lost in the last few seconds. Watch out for the Oregon Ducks who have been rolling and the Dayton Fliers who have won 20 of their last 22 games. Prediction: Kentucky vs. Pittsburgh with Kentucky advancing.

The East bracket is loaded as well with Oklahoma, Louisville, Syracuse and Wake Forest. Oklahoma is banged up and questionable. The toughness of Hollis Price will lead the Sooners to the elite eight.

Watch out for Louisville and coach Rick Pitino who knows how to win in the tournament. The young versatile Syracuse Orangemen are talented and could make a run at the title. Prediction: Oklahoma vs. Syracuse with Syracuse advancing.

Last but not least is the South bracket. Heavy favorite Texas did not win the conference tournament or the season title, somehow got a No. 1 seed. If a team can shoot the three Texas is vulnerable and can be beaten. Maryland and Xavier are dangerous in this bracket and could get far. Prediction: Florida vs. Texas with the Gators prevailing to the Final Four.

I predict Kentucky vs. Florida in the final with Kentucky winning. Do not forget about the girls, their tournament will be just as good. Go Louisiana Tech or UCONN.

Soccer, Sister Style

A family legacy: Marliese, Nellie and Kathryn started their own Northwestern tradition in 1999 with the Demon soccer team

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Three sisters from Lafayette Parish,Kathryn, Nellie, and Marliese Latiolais, bring a simple family legacy of playing soccer to NSU.

"In recruiting, it is important to recruit a good player as well as a good person," Jimmy Mitchell, head soccer coach, said. "This is how I would describe the Latiolais sisters."

Their parents, Richard and Christina Latiolais, are both teachers at Judice Middle School in Lafayette. Their father is the coach of the school's soccer team and a social studies teacher. The girls began playing soccer in middle school. His coaching ability encouraged Kathryn, Nellie, and Marliese to continue with soccer.

Kathryn decided to follow in her mother's footsteps by studying to become physical education teacher, a position her mother once held until moving on to teach science.

"Our whole family loves the game of soccer," Kathryn, the oldest sister, said. "They helped motivate us in everything."

The Latiolais sisters have two brother Todd and Martin. Todd is a former soccer player, and Martin is a freshmen and soccer player for Acadian High School in Lafayette.

The Latiolais sisters are all graduates of Acadiana High School.

"Our parents put us in other sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, and track," Nellie, second to oldest sister, said. "It was soccer that stuck out the most."

The Lady Demon legacy began with Kathryn signing with NSU in 1999 by former soccer coach Pete Watkins. Kathryn played soccer for NSU until she left in her junior year.

"I was burned out on soccer, and I missed home," Kathryn said.

Kathryn is continuing her degree in physical education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She continues to play soccer with coed soccer league in Lafayette.

"I miss soccer at NSU because it was fun, and I got to play with Nellie," Kathryn said. "I enjoy playing for the coed league because it is not as serious and it is just about having fun."

In the fall 2001, Coach Mitchell signed Nellie, who currently plays goalie with NSU.

"I like all the girls on the team, and we are all one big family," Nellie said.

When asked what it felt like to play with both of her sisters Nellie said, "We have occasional sibling disputes, but we get along really well."

Though she had heard great things about NSU from her older sister attending, it was not Nellie's first choice in selecting colleges.

"I wanted to go to ULL, but I didn't want to live at home," Nellie said. "Natchitoches has a smaller atmosphere than Lafayette, but I don't regret coming here."

A sophomore majoring in health and exercise science, Nellie plans to become a professional trainer and continue with the sisters' game.

"I want to continue to play soccer even after college," Nellie said. "I would also like to train my children."

The youngest sister, Marliese, has been recently inked to NSU and will begin fall of 2003.

When asked how she felt about leaving Lafayette to come to NSU Marliese said, "I think I'll be okay with my sister there." "I am ready to be on my own."

Marliese will play the position of forward and said that she is excited about playing and traveling with the team.

"I really like the area and the team," Marliese said.

Rowing team enjoys stroke of success in Texas

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

While other NSU teams seem to have fallen into a short slump, the NSU rowing team recently raked in big.

The team traveled to the University of Texas on March 8 for the Heart of Texas Regatta, where they took away more awards than usual.

That Saturday the team brought home six medals including the gold medal in the Men's Novice Four race.

"There was a great sense of accomplishment," freshman coxswain Amanda Breaux said of the team's morale. "It was the first intercollegiate race that the whole team got medals."

NSU Rowing Coach Alan Pasch, who has been with the team for seven years first as member and currently as coach, agreed saying that it is a good thing when every person on the team wins.

Pasch said that although there were quite a few teams competing in the races, the University of Texas was NSU's biggest challenger. With over 100 members Texas would seem to be a formidable opponent, but as Pasch said, NSU was geared for Texas all the way.

Another high point to the competition was the team won with only three of their coxswains able to attend. Breaux was one of the three and led the four man novice group to win the gold medal.

Much of the success of the team has been credited to its recent growth. Pasch said this is possibly the largest spring team the NSU rowing team has seen in a long time.

With so many members and just one coach, Breaux said each member is pushed to work harder and each varsity rower is greatly needed to help each newer novice rower grow.

"They've been doing a great job fostering a competitive spirit within the entire team and showing great leadership," Breaux said of the varsity rowers. "The new members are really great too and are meshing well with the older guys,"

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> **-Amanda Breaux**
> About the success of the NSU rowing team at the Heart of Texas Regatta

None the less, the team has begun to make themselves known around NSU's campus.

Breaux said things like practicing on Front Street as well as a win of this magnitude helps to bring more eyes onto the team.

"A win like this shows that we're not just a little joke club," Pasch agreed.

"We are trying really hard to become more visible and I think if this past weekend didn't make us more visible then it's a starting point," Breaux said.

The rowing team is currently getting geared up for their next competition as they will travel to Gainesville, Ga. for the April 5 John Hunter Regatta and the Southeastern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta in Oak Ridge, Tenn. on April 18 and 19.

Baseball loses two, travels to Nicholls

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

In their opening Southland Conference series, the Demon baseball team struggled against the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks falling 2 games to 1.

The Demons had trouble finishing the Mavericks off last weekend at home after defeating them in the first game of the series.

After a long fight at Friday night's game, the Demons were down 8-3 in the ninth inning. However, a few hits later the Demons had brought the score back up to a close 8-7 aided by an Anatole Vincent three run home run.

Later in the inning pinch runner Brian Hobbs would score the winning run winning the game 8-9.

"They just fought and clawed their way back in the ninth and gave themselves a chance to win," head coach Mitch Gaspard said.

In the second game of the series the Demon batting fell apart as they were held to only four hits in the entire game. Maverick reliever Mike Snapp finished off the Demons allowing only one hit in his 4.1 shut out innings.

While holding the Demons to single runs in the fourth and fifth innings, the Mavericks took the game with a score of 8-2.

"We really didn't put everything we had into the game," freshman pitcher Andre Vige said.

In Sunday's game the bats came alive again, but still would not help the Demons win. Though they out hit UTA 9-7, a total of eight Demons would be left on base by the end of the game.

To top off such a relentless game the Demons also committed five errors making a new season high.

The Mavericks had three two-run innings and sealed the win with a single run in the top of the ninth. With the Demons answering back with a low three run total, the Mavericks took the win 7-3.

"We just didn't put all of our effort into the games and it cost us everything in the end," Vige said.

Vige also said that practices were no different this week despite the loss. Other than a talk with Gaspard and an inter-squad game to keep up with live pitching, practices continued as usual.

With their record falling to 14-8 overall and 1-2 in conference play, the Demons are preparing for this weekend's road trip to Thibodeaux, La. There they will attempt to bring their conference record up as they play Nicholls State University in another three game series Friday through Sunday at Nicholls.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Alonzo Soliz delivering on the mound. The Demons dropped two games to UTA, but they hope to make up the losses in Thibodeaux.

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War and Peace

Photos by Amanda Breaux

Left: Senior Dustin Floyd speaks out in favor of war in Iraq Thursday afternoon at the Student Union. **Right:** Scholars' College professor Holly Stave uses the Union microphone Thursday to protest war in Iraq. Student John Wesley Smith, also protesting the war, stands in the background.

Campus community debates 'Operation Iraqi Freedom'

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Approximately 240 NSU students assembled outside of the Friedman Student Union Thursday to protest the United States' war against Iraq.

However, in an unexpected turn of events, an additional 60 pro-war demonstrators gathered to protest the anti-war protesters.

"I got a call today that all these Fruit-Loops were getting together," NSU student and pro-war demonstration organizer Dustin Floyd said of the anti-war protesters as he scrambled about passing out fliers for the Collegiate Republicans, of which he is a member.

"They're all a bunch of hippies who want to be their parents and they're basically rebels without a cause," Floyd said. "The war has started my friends."

Floyd, who is a member of the NSU Young Republicans club, said the purpose of the pro-war demonstration was to show outsiders that both the students of NSU and members of the Natchitoches community support President Bush and the war on Iraq.

Although a smaller group in numbers, Floyd found strong vocal support for the pro-war cause.

"These idiots are up here protesting against a war we're already at," business major Mark Stein said. "I'm backing my brother and my sister-and-law who are both active Air Force," Stein said. "You should get behind the war because it's already started."

General studies major and campus-youth minister Jeff Shows, 35, found no conflict with his religious obligations and supporting the war.

"Our Bible tells us we have to abide by God's laws and man's laws also," Shows said.

As for the original protesters, Louisiana Scholars' College student and humanities major Katy Andres said she was part of a group of 10 students who were rumored to have organized the event which began as an anonymous flier and word-of-mouth campaign in the days leading up the protest. However, neither Andres nor any other individual has claimed responsibility.

"I didn't organize it at all," Andres said. "A group of students got together and decided that holding a protest was something we wanted to do." Andres also stressed that neither she nor her associates were attempting to keep their identities a secret.

"I know it sounds like we're embar-

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SGA wants... anyone?

Cosby, Comeaux try to fill ten senate seats after lackluster elections leave 10 open

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

With few students applying for SGA senator-at-large this semester, current SGA executives are doubting the association's effectiveness.

Only 10 of the 20 senator-at-large seats will be filled at the beginning of the fall semester.

Elections to be held Wed. & Thurs.

For a list of SAB candidates and bylaws, visit our website

"The people who are in it are very dedicated, but we just haven't had very many people who are dedicated," SGA President Stacie Cosby said.

Cosby is confident, however, that next year's president, Greg Comeaux, will be able to find 10 people willing to be appointed to the Senate.

On Monday night the Senate appointed Jeremiah McMillan to a senator-at-large position. Cosby says that she has plans of bringing six more appointees before the Senate by the end of the year.

Though there are only a few meetings left this semester for the appointed senators to participate in, Cosby hopes that the exposure will lead them to run for class senator next semester or seek reappointment.

The Senate also repealed legislation that automatically removed senators who did not meet certain requirements, such as sufficient attendance at meetings or writing enough legislation.

The senate found the legislation to be against the SGA's constitution, which says that senators can only be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Vice President-elect Scott Manguno said he was not concerned by the legislation's repeal.

He said the bylaws were passed to remove senators whose lack of attendance prevented the senate from meeting quorum.

The Senate meets in the Cane River room of the Student Union on Mondays at 7 p.m. Students are invited to attend.

Corrections

On page 2 last week, Justin Owen was incorrectly identified as a former SGA treasurer. Owen was formerly the SGA Supreme Court chief justice. We regret the error.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Sabine Hall's closed windows are pictured. A woman fell from a fourth-floor Sabine window on March 14.

Woman survives fall from Sabine

By Will Moses
Sauce Reporter

A 21-year-old woman survived an unexplained fall from a Sabine Hall fourth floor window on March 14.

Sabine Residence Hall Director Shelia Gentry said the unidentified woman suffered a clean break in her neck.

However, she did say police and resident assistants took immediate action in helping the woman receive medical attention.

Gentry said that the doctor attending to her at Natchitoches Parish Hospital told her that the woman was sent to LSU Medical Center.

"A guardian angel must have been with that girl during that incident," Gentry said. "The last thing I heard of her was that she is now starting to move her limbs and even feed herself."

Gentry said that in the past students have tried to jump out of windows, including the fourth floor's, because they were trying to escape patrolling resident assistants.

But she said she had never witnessed a person jump out of a window for no apparent reason.

"This was a learning lesson to our staff here at Sabine," Gentry said. "We are now more aware of our residents and their safety."

Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said that the woman has been released to her parents where they can continue to nurse her back to recovery.

Campus police would not release any further information at press time.

Internet, phone registration to start Tuesday

Early registration by Internet and telephone begins April 1 and is available from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Graduate Students start registration on April 1.

Seniors (92+ earned hours) start on April 2.

Juniors (60-91 earned hours) start on April 3.

Sophomores (30-59 earned hours) start on April 4.

Freshmen and transfer students cannot register online or by phone.

Departmental early registration will begin on April 7 through April 11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

How to register on the 'Net

Illustration by Garrett Guillotte

1. Get a copy of the fall schedule of classes from Roy Hall, your adviser, or your department office.

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2. Find the call number of the class you want to register for. Make sure you qualify and that you don't schedule two classes for the same time.

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3. Log into your account at www2.nsula.edu between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. and click on "Registration and Schedule," then "Drop/Add Classes." Cross your fingers, enter the call numbers in the add class fields and click "Submit."

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
70°/44°	52°/35°	56°/37°
Scattered Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy 20% Showers	Mostly Sunny

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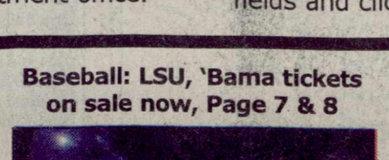

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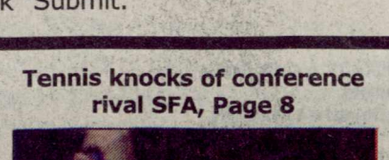

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PROTEST

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rassed but honestly there was no ringleader," Andres said.

Andres, who is also a columnist for the *Current Sauce*, positioned herself on the side of the anti-war movement expressing fears of global destabilization.

"The reason I'm against the war is the precedent it might set," Andres said. "I don't think anyone supports Saddam Hussein or his regime, but I'm afraid this war will hurt our relations with the UN and our position in the global community."

The issue of whether or not unilateral U.S. action outweighed the interests of the global community were also among Andres' concerns.

"I don't think that just because the United States feels something is right and justified that we should disregard the opinions of the international community," Andres said.

Andres did acknowledge the Bush's administrations diplomatic efforts with the U.N. but said they were simply "dancing around the issue for a few months," and that the Bush administration has always maintained the position of disarming Iraq by military force.

Though not intended to be a hostile event, Natchitoches city police and NSU campus police were present. No arrests or criminal incidents were reported.

In addition to the initial two groups of anti-war and pro-war protesters, a smaller third-party group also made its impact felt the day of the protest.

English major Jennifer Hudgens was among a group of fringe protesters who added the ingredient of cynicism to the day's events. Hudgens paraded around the student union carrying a sign that read, "Screw Peace, Give Nukes a Chance" on one side and "Make War, Not Love" on the other.

Hudgens said that should the U.S. win the war and gain control of Iraq's natural resources it could have a positive economic benefit for her.

"I'm against war personally, but I'm for cheap oil," Hudgens said.

SGA president Stacie Cosby was seated with the anti-war protesters and said she was enthusiastic about the sparking campus-wide debate brought about by the protests.

"This thing has taken on a life of it's own," Cosby said. "This kind of does away with the apathetic setting of our University and I think it's exhilarating," she said.

Cosby did not take an active anti-war stance at the protest but did maintain an unspoken opposition to U.S. military action.

"This is different for America, we don't start wars," Cosby said. "I was supportive of disbanding the Taliban because they started a fight with us."

Turning away to listen to student chants, Cosby held her thoughts before finishing. "Al-Qaeda started a fight with us. Iraq hasn't started a fight with us. We finished our fight with them back in `92."

While students like Cosby maintained silent disapproval some NSU professors actively exercised their first amendment rights.

Louisiana Scholars' College professor Holly Stave's repeated trips to the microphone were met with a resounding level of approval from anti-war demonstrators and a barrage of insults from the pro-war supporters below.

"The war sickens me for more reasons then I can say," Stave said while taking a break from one of her oratories. "The technology is so sophisticated and so terrifying now that diplomacy, more than ever, has to be the only option."

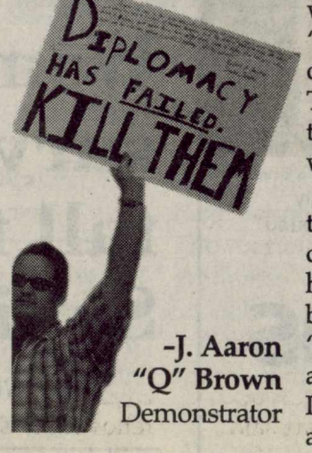
Voices in the crowd

"They're all a bunch of hippies who want to be their parents and they're basically rebels without a cause."

-Dustin Floyd
Pro-war demonstrator
on war protesters

"This kind of does away with the apathetic setting of our University and I think it's exhilarating."

-Stacie Cosby
SGA president



-J. Aaron "Q" Brown
Demonstrator

Seminar today to make complexity less complex, more beautiful

By *Sauce* Staff

Andrei Ludu, a professor of the department of chemistry and physics, will present "The Beauty of Complexity: A Nonlinear Trip from Competition to Cooperation," in Room 123 of Fournet Hall today at 4 p.m.

The seminar is one of a research seminar series for the department chemistry and physics in which people introduce their own work in personal or group research. It will include a 45-minute lecture about nonlinear phenomenon in complexity and present examples applied to diverse studies and questions.

The seminar is open for everyone, even for people not involved much in science.

Nonlinear approach, which is core theme of this seminar, has introduced new ways of thinking different from linear approach.

"The more input into a (linear) system, the more output you get," he said.

In contrast, nonlinear is unpredictable and far from equilibrium.

"The war we have right now, we have some estimation, but nobody really can make it precise, because it has so much interruption," Ludu said, "It's war. It's complex and unpredictable."

Ludu has worked with nonlinear phenomenon and complex phenomenon for 15 years. This is his first time to speak in seminar at NSU.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled by Glenn Ward

March 19

■ 1:10 p.m. The Natchitoches Sheriff's Department called to relay a complaint about horses loose on campus. However, an officer checked around and at 1:14 p.m. reported the horses must have been put up.

■ 9:21 p.m. A complaint was made from the University Columns about a disturbance involving students who were drinking. The police responded an officer told the students to stop their actions and pick up the bottles that were littered.

March 20

■ 1:53 a.m. Their was a vehicle fire at the University Columns. Officers and the Natchitoches Fire Department, arrived in the parking lot at 1:54 p.m., and the fire was put out by 2:24 a.m.

■ 8:04 a.m. A theft was reported in Rapides and statements were taken.

■ 10:03 a.m. The ROTC office requested an officer watch a bus some cadets were traveling in while going off campus. The ROTC also offered their help if needed for the demonstration at the Student Union. An officer helped, and 5 units were present during the protest that lasted until 1:30. No civil disturbances were reported, and no arrests were made. The police took down the barricades at 3 p.m.

■ 2:23 p.m. Auto accident in the Varnado Hall parking lot.

■ 4:11 p.m. There was another auto accident near the I.M. Field.

■ 5:03 p.m. Another auto accident was reported near South Jefferson.

■ 6:12 p.m. University Police received a call from the Iberville Dining Hall that a student went into a seizure. The same minute paramedics and an officer were en route., but at 6:14 p.m. the Iberville supervisor said the student was awake and not seizing, but still requested medical attention. The paramedics assessed the situation and the student did not need to be brought to the hospital.

■ 9:35 p.m. An RA in Rapides Hall requested an officer for a disturbance on the 3rd floor South. Two officers arrived at 9:38, and the situation was resolved.

March 21

■ 12:03 a.m. A student called and said she mixed two types of drugs and was feeling woozy. Two officers arrived at 12:11 a.m. and the paramedics arrived at 12:30 a.m. However, the student did not need to be brought to the hospital.

■ 2:40 a.m. A fight was reported at the University Columns due to an earlier fight at the Pinnacle, but when an officer responded, the situation was resolved and did not need an officer.

■ 2:41 a.m. A fight was also reported at the Kappa Sigma house, but the situation was resolved and no arrests were made.

■ 3:15 a.m. A disturbance was reported behind the Coliseum. Three officers responded at 3:17 a.m. and brought a person back to the station for questioning.

March 22

■ 8 a.m. A black rooster was reported loose near the University's entrance. A message was left on the city animal control's answering machine to come and pick up the truant chicken.

March 23

■ 2:25 a.m. A student worker at Varnado Hall requested officer assistance because a resident was under the influence and vomiting. Two officers responded at 2:26 a.m., but the intoxicated student said she did not need any help and stumbled to her room, so the responding officers left.

March 24

■ 9:26 p.m. A student worker from Bossier Hall called to report a person was standing outside the front door, and that the individual had a warrant. Two units arrived at 9:30 p.m., and after searching for several minutes, found him in a parked car. The Natchitoches Police Department was contacted and the individual was brought to their station at 10:41 p.m.

March 25

■ 5:37 p.m. A student in front of Iberville Dining Hall was setting fire to a bush, but the responding officers found nothing burned.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Healthfest 2003

NSU's Department of Health and Human Performance and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital will host Healthfest 2003 on today from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. in Kyser Room 341 to prepare for Salsa Night, which will be on April 8 from 7-11 p.m in the Alley. Raffle prizes include lunch bags, thermos, T-shirts and gift certificates. Any member who is interested in making a poster for the event can contact their class representative or Comfort Pratt in Kyser Office 314-E, or call 357-5590.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Voting for the naming of the Campus OneCard will take place Wednesday and Thursday in the lobby of the Student Union. For more information, call Kristy Vienne at 357-5131.

Senate and Supreme Court appointment applications are available in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information, call Greg Comeaux at 357-4501.

Catholic Student Organization (CSO)

To raise money for the American Cancer Society, the CSO of Holy Cross Catholic Church is having its annual jambalaya dinner April 5 from 5-7 p.m. and April 6 from noon-2 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $5 a plate. All proceeds go to the ACS. For more information call 352-2615.

NSU Crew

The NSU Rowing Team invites all NSU students and faculty to visit Cane River Lake at the downtown riverfront this spring. The team will be training on the river all spring and hopes students will come cheer them on.

KNWD

KNWD is looking for DJs to fill open time slots. If you want one, come by Room 109 in Kyser Hall and see either Brad or Warner. We are looking for a few good DJs! Slots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)

The NABJ presents Foolin' Around with Fashion. This fashion show will be held Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the Alley. Admission is $1.

NSU Percussion

The NSU Percussion Ensemble Concert will be on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

NSU Drumline auditions will be on April 5 from 6 a.m.—9 p.m.

For more information, contact Ken Green in the Creative and Performing Arts school by calling 357-5825 or by e-mailing greenk@nsula.edu.

Natchitoches Head Start

The Office of Community Services Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the 2003-2004 program year. Applications will be accepted through May 30.

The Head Start program serves children of ages 3-5, including children with disabilities and their families.

Applications are available at head start centers in Natchitoches, Campti and Natchez, as well as the NSU Head Start Center at 350 Sam Sibley Drive.

For more information, call 357-2213.

Northwestern Environmental Organization

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sundays at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

Freshman Factor

Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Please include your name and contact information.

SGA Minutes 3/24/03

Call to Order at 6:59

Present:
Chad Black
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brosset
Gregory Comeaux
Andy Dye
Keith Gates
Mindy McConnell
Kelli Miller
Scott Manguno
Rachel Murray
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Josh Stelly
Alan Sypert

Amanda Breaux moves to approve minutes of last meeting.
Kelli Miller seconds motion.
Passed by general consent.

Treasurer's Report: absent

VP Report: absent

President Report: Stacie Cosby: April 13 – April 14 at 1 p.m. will be the Council of Student Body Presidents at ULL. Stacie asked Mr. Henry about the end of the year banquet: date, time and if Aramark will provide the food. There is $250 to spend on the banquet and Stacie asked for a volunteer to organize the banquet. Mindy McConnell offered to organize the banquet.

Josh Stelly enters the room.

Stacie will be meeting with President Webb to introduce the new executive and senators. There will be an ITEC meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday. There has been tons of input on this systems budget. The ordering for the "one card" system vending has been placed. The adult learning center is finally finished and there should be a grand opening soon. STAT will meet at 2 p.m. in Watson to discuss the user agreement fee and we will be possibly be adding two new members.

Academic Affairs: Mindy McConnell: Committee meeting was held last Wednesday. Committee meeting will be held this Thursday at 2.

External Affairs Amanda Breaux: See the SGA board for the T-shirt ideas. Suggest that SGA have one official shirt and also have a fun shirt. Suggestions are also welcome on how to pay for the shirts – Do SGA members pat for them of use money from a fund. Signs were put up today to help advertise for Argus. Stacie questioned the SGA web site.

Fiscal Affairs Dustin Matthews: Organizational Grants, Mindy McConnell, Kelli Miller, Chad Black, Rachel Murray, Casey Ponder, Andy Dye

Internal Affairs Greg Comeaux: April 2 and April 3 are the elections, everyone is required to work one hour. Please sign up to work.

Student Affairs Andy Dye: Student Affairs meeting went well. Discussed lighting on campus: will pick a time to find out what lights are out around campus and what potholes need to be filled.

Advisors Report Mr. Henry: The elections are coming up and it is very important that everyone work one hour. There will be bills on the ballot also there will be no runoffs.

Graduate Assistant Report: Justin Owens: Congratulations to Greg and Scott and he looks forward to working with them.

SAB Report Andy Dye: Ashile Fisher spoke on Andy's behalf since Andy was unable to attend the SAB meeting. New President of SAB in Michael Johnson and Vice- President is Kalprina Williams. Up Coming Events: Dinner Theater on April 1st from 7-9 p.m., Easter Egg Hunt on April 2nd from 3-5 p.m.

Supreme Court Sharmyn Little: no report

Unfinished Business

Keith Gates moves to approve Bill SP03-012.
Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Keith Gates moves to amend Bill Sp03-012 to strike the "two weeks" to "one week". Chad Black seconds the amendment. The amendment passes by general consent. Keith Gates moves to amend Bill SP03-012 to add "non-consecutive" to the bill. Kayla Brossett seconds the motion and the amendment passed by general consent. Scott Manguno move to amend Bill Sp03-012 to state " those guidelines only affect future senators with out ex post facto affect. Kelli Miller seconds the motion. The amendment passes by general consent. Andy Dye moves to vote on Bill SP03-012 as amended. Mindy McConnell seconds the motion. Roll call vote is tallied and the bill passes.
Keith Gates moves to approve Bill Sp03-013.
Zach Pulliam seconds the motion. Bill SP03-013 passes by general consent.

New Business
Bill SP03-014 read by Casey Ponder.
Amanda Breaux moves to approve Bill SP03-014.
Zach Pulliam seconds. Discussion. Roll call vote.
Motion passes.

Bills SP03-016, SP03-17, SP03-018 and SP03-019 tabled until next meeting.

Kelli Miller moves to approve Jeremiah McMillan to the senate. Zach Pulliam seconds.
Motion passes by general consent.
Stacie Cosby swears in Jeremiah McMillan to the senate.

Announcements
Bill SP03-020 to be added to new business next week.
Chad Black announces a Traffic and parking Meeting to discuss the potholes in front of Caddo Hall and also to close east to west traffic on Sam Sibley.
Justin Owens reminds the senate that end of the year awards should be vote on in the next week.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51

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Professors provide analysis of Bush, war effort

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Three NSU professors agree that the key to America's long-term success in Iraq is our participation in post-war reconstruction.

However, they disagreed on the details and motives of such action.

Greg Granger, associate professor of political science, said that there are three main points to the war on Iraq.

Granger said that Bush plans for security of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. With these nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, there are many dangers to the entire population.

"The biological, such as anthraxes, and chemical, such as toxins, can be disbursed," Granger said. "If the Iraqis were to use these weapons, the effects could backfire on them."

Granger said Bush believes the war will help the Iraqi people who have suffered years of oppression and abuse.

"Remaking the Middle East could be a worthy goal, although it is very risky," Granger said.

Granger said Bush could destroy a link to terrorism.

"President Bush has a long term goal," Granger said, "But he has ignored the risks that could work against us, for example, an increase in terrorist attacks because of actions."

Lt. Col. Claton D. Chandler, however, said he's confident in our military success due to its training with protective clothing and equipment on a routine basis.

"We are better equipped than any military on the planet," Chandler said. "We are trained for biological, chemical, and nuclear agents and there will be casualties, but it won't stop us from operating."

Chandler said that the military uses different equipment to prevent exposure to dangerous agents.

"I trust the senior military leadership in hope the we will have minimum losses of life," Chandler said. "I also believe that once the war is over, we will continue our role of reconstructing and peace keeping in the Middle East."

Alex Aichinger, associate professor of political science, said he believes the Americans really don't understand the purpose of the war. Aichinger said that we should question whether our troops could be fighting in vain.

"I really don't know," Aichinger said. "I only know what we are told about the broadening war on terrorism."

Aichinger said that he disagrees with Bush's plan for democracy for Iraq.

"To guide any foreign policy on democracy is a very ill thought-out concept," Aichinger said. "And it doesn't provide a stable anchor on decisions."

Aichinger said that he strongly opposes Bush's positive intentions for the outcome of the war.

"The road to hell is paved with good intention," Aichinger said. "Maybe we are going to hell."

'Always about the guy next to you:' ROTC cadets emphasize duty, focus

By Glenn Ward
Sauce Reporter

As coalition forces march north towards Baghdad, NSU's ROTC cadets watch their fellow soldiers fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Some of the cadets who graduate in May could be sent to Iraq and possibly lose their life in the conflict.

"It's always about the guy next to you, not about a certain cause," ROTC cadet Jason Covey said. "This is what I've wanted to do my whole life, serve my country, and if I get shipped out, there'd be excitement—I mean, this is something you train for and you dream of.

"But I'll also be scared, because it's war, but it's just something that you want to do," Covey said. "If I'm gonna' die, I don't want it to be in a car accident, I want it to be for something that I believe in."

According to CNN.com, there have been 45 confirmed coalition casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom as of press time.

Senior cadet Tometrius Greer said he was a Democrat, but mentioned that he could not let his political affiliation affect his job performance.

"When it comes to any international conflict, you can't look as it as right or wrong, good or evil, because either side can justify what they're doing," Greer said. "It comes down to Joes in the field just following orders."

Greer did not seem phased when he talked about his own mortality. Greer said his training has prepared him to overcome any obstacle he faces, and that would be what saves his life.

"I'm not being arrogant; anything can happen," Greer said. "But it's not something I think about all the time. I think my chances are greater for surviving than not."

Greer, like many other cadets, had served in the Army before he came to NSU.

"I just came back from duty and most of the guys that I trained with are over there already, so this is personal," Greer said.

Cadet Walter Frazier said the only thing that would be running through his mind before going to war would be his family.

"But you have to shut that down," Frazier said. "You can't be worried about your family and trying to fight a war."

Senior cadet Jeremy Boudreaux trained in Missouri for chemical warfare, and said he could not think of a single soldier he trained with that is not in Iraq.

"I'm not a war monger," Boudreaux said, "I just want to be with my people. Everybody is there and you are here, taking computer classes at Northwestern, and you feel like a wuss or something."

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> **-Tometrius Greer**
> Senior ROTC cadet

After seeing protests around the world and one here, most cadets also thought it was unpatriotic to protest a war once it had started.

Senior cadet Pete Almirez was standing outside Noe Armory with his wife and two kids wrapped around his legs when he talked about the war and the demonstrators.

"I think it's unpatriotic," Almirez said. "I mean once we are committed to something I think we as Americans should support what's going on over there. But I understand that this is their right…I just think a lot of this protesting is kind of a trendy thing that people want to do."

Frazier said he supported President Bush's pre-emptive stance on Iraq.

"Some Americans don't realize that we do have to pay a price for the freedoms that we have," Frazier said. "And to protect our democracy, sometimes we have to take the offensive."

Photo by Amanda Breaux
A hole behind Williamson Hall is dormant Wednesday, but occasionally emits clouds of hot, smelly steam. While the hole is marked off by tape, Physical Plant officials said the steam is not harmful to students.

Stinky campus steam harmless to students

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter

The steam geysers that can be seen around campus can be hot and smelly, but are otherwise harmless and easy to fix.

The NSU Physical Plant Superintendent of Utilities Ambrose Airhart said the steam does not rise from a leak in the steam pipes but from rainwater that collects near the pipes and boils off. Airhart said the steam goes away once the ground dries up.

Airhart said that to his knowledge there are no breaks in the steam lines.

Parts of the steam line system have been in use since the late 1920s, Airhart said. Newer sections, which now have holes in the insulation, are pre-insulated 40-ft. sections that are set into the ground and welded together.

"That's not the best insulation in the world to be using, but that's what everybody's going to now," Airhart said.

The problem according to Airhart is that the foam insulation around the pipes breaks down, allowing water to collect in the voids.

"When the water starts boiling it sounds just like it's under pressure, making you think you've got a steam leak," Airhart said.

"One time I dug seven feet down under a driveway," Airhart said. "We thought it was a steam leak, but when I got down to it, it was nothing but a damn pocket of water. It was a void in the insulation, and that water was just sitting there boiling."

Physical Plant Director Chris Sampite said the Plant is requesting state funds for the renovation of the system. He said he does not expect those funds soon.

Most of the areas where steam rises are blocked off. Sampite said this is because the ground around the steam could be soft and the steam is hot.

There may be some areas where steam is not blocked off.

"I'm sure most people who walk over the steam don't know it," Sampite said.

Airhart said, though, "That damn steam will burn you."

Research Day to feature La. pharmaceuticals guest speaker

By Derrick Doyle
Sauce Reporter

The Council for University Research Incentive Awards (CURIA) is preparing the events and schedule for next month's Research Day, which will be held April 9, in Russell Hall.

The program will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Natchitoches Room with a breakfast reception. The guest speaker will start next at 8 a.m in Room 107. The Mildred Hart Bailey Award will then be presented at 8:45 a.m. and conclude with presentations taking place at 9:00 a.m. in the Creative and Performing Arts Building.

The guest speaker, Jairaj U. Mehta, LLC, president of the newly formed Red River Pharma Development (RRPD), will discuss issues and opportunities concerning Louisiana's growth in the biotechnology industry. Mehta has been in the pharmaceutical industry for 18 years and is a registered pharmacist in both Arizona and Illinois.

Arts and science professors Nathan Hutchins, Andre Lewdew and Darryl Pry will conduct one of the presentations and business professor Jack Russell will conduct a presentation discussing technology being used within research presentations.

CURIA will present The Mildred Hart Bailey Award to a full-time NSU faculty member or student for outstanding research, artistic performance or work done in the past three years.

"Research Day is geared to students and faculty," said Marcia Walker, associate director of research-sponsored programs. Walker's department is now in charge of organizing the event after the graduate school had the responsibility in previous years. Walker said that Mehta's company, RRPD, is interested in working with universities around the state to do research and development.

Walker and Carla Howell, grants manager for CURIA, are also inviting members of the Chamber of Commerce and other universities to Research Day to show the departments' progression.

"We want to get the word out that Northwestern's research program is growing," Walker said.

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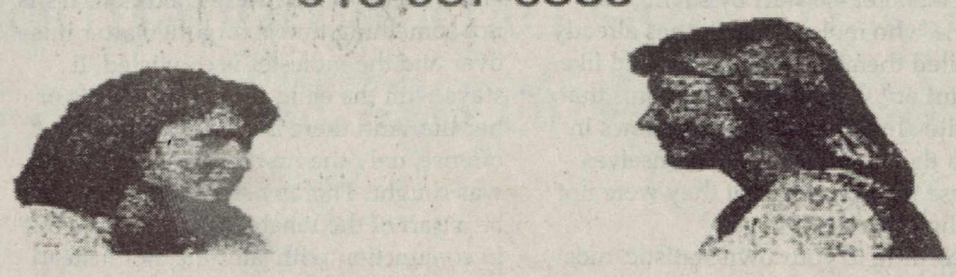

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NSU: 'Where students come first?'

By Adam Parker
Opinion

Somehow with the closing of East Caspari, I think NSU should reconsider its claim that it is a school "where students come first."

After East Caspari closes, the grand total of dorms on NSU's campus will be six. The number of office buildings will also stand at six.

With a motto such as "where students come first," one would expect the administration to cater to students' needs. Instead, Northwestern's students are being offered fewer places to live, more office buildings, and nothing to do with the time on campus that may be potentially spent in the dorm room if there were one available.

The reasoning behind turning Caspari into an office building seems to be flawed at best. It seems quite strange that when Caspari was a dormitory, it was never really being thought of in any enthusiastic relation to being renovated. Now, after it is deemed unable to function as a dorm because of fire code violations, it is being turned into a $3.6 million dollar facility which is supposed to function as an administrative office building focusing on "student" services.

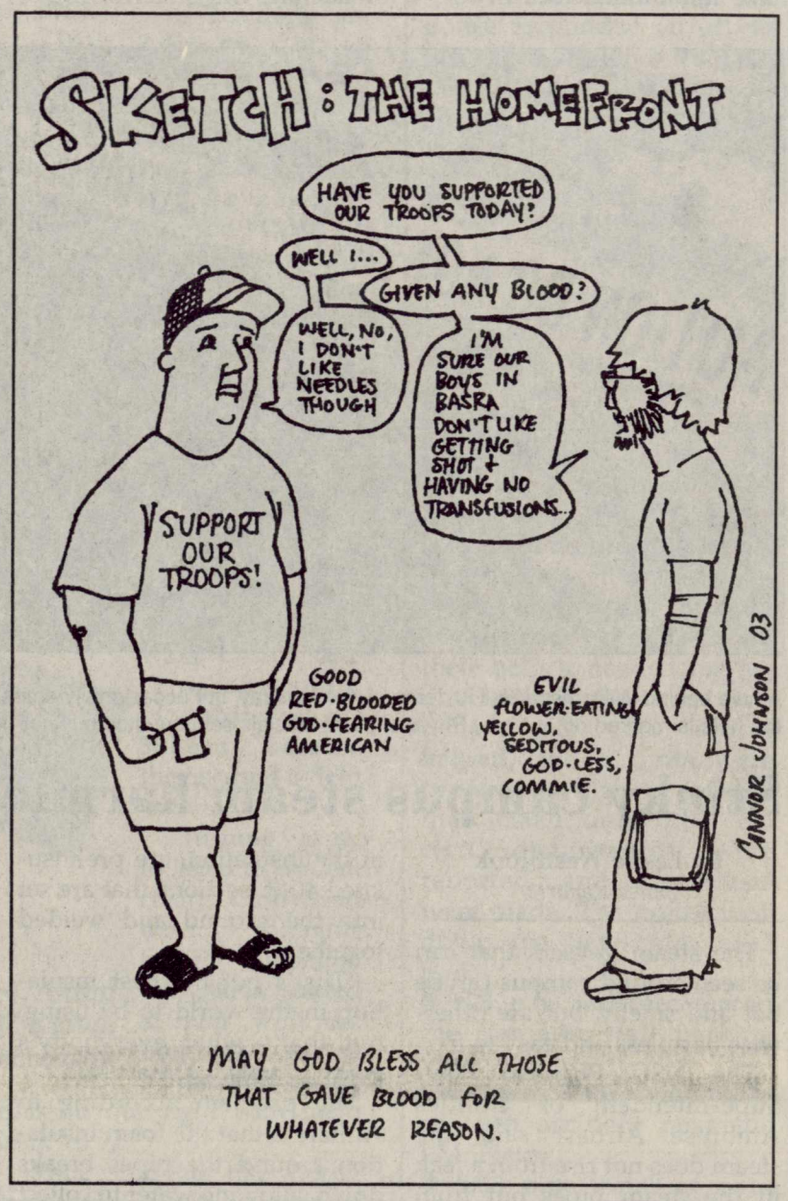
This seems quite odd to this Scholars' student, as there appears a perfectly suitable building in South Hall, which Scholars' is about to vacate for the newly renovated Morrison Hall. If there is such a need for office space, why not use the space we already have, for a service that apparently is being performed in the Student Union anyway?

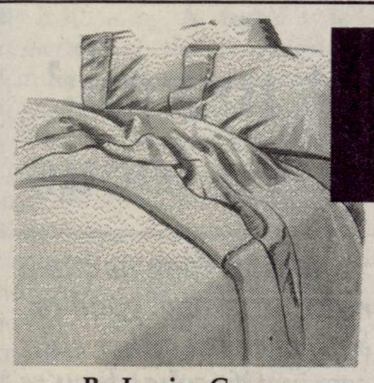
I don't know of many other schools that I would dare to proclaim should be dubbed the Student Office Building/Monopolized Cafeteria, but I can say that is about the extent of our Union's capabilities. If this area is providing these services, then why do we need another facility to give us the same services?

If the administration is about to turn the Student Union into an actual Student Union (you know, where students actually hang out and can play pool or participate in other activities), then I am in support of moving student services out of the Union and to another locale so that I might have something to do in the Union besides waiting in line an hour for books. Just as long as they moved the student services to a locale that wouldn't compromise the student housing situation.

Or maybe Caspari should be stolen from the students. Maybe we shouldn't think about how our Student Union is anything but, and just concentrate instead on the pipe dream that is the IM building. Maybe we should continue to complain about loitering in front of the Union and Iberville, yet provide nothing to do for students while they are killing time between classes. In fact, let's condemn all of the dorms, and shove every student in the college into the nuclear fallout shelters otherwise known as Sabine and Rapides. Then we'll really have some bitchin' student services.

I complain because I care, and I think that the students being forced out of their temporary homes in East Caspari care too. Why should the place they've learned to love become another piece of an already overbearing administration? These students probably don't feel as though they're being treated like they come first, and judging from the situation around me, I know I certainly don't. The administrators need high quality facilities to work in. Don't students also need facilities to not only work in, but to live in as well?





Pillow Talk

To sex or not to sex?

By Jessica Cramer
Opinion

You're in the club looking good, feeling sexy. You meet this guy, he's looking good, very good. You have a few drinks, you grind a little bit on the dance floor and then the lights come on. He whispers in your ear 'come back to my place' and you start to get that familiar tingle in that special spot. You give into the tingle and then you're on the couch, hot and heavy. Then comes the question: Sex on the first date, to do it or not to do it?

Everyone has been in this dilemma. Maybe not men, but certainly most women have faced the decision to give it up on the first night or to hold out for awhile. I know what goes through your mind: He's going to think I'm easy or he's only going to call me when he wants to get laid. These, while very important questions, are the least of your concerns.

1. The question should be do you want to have sex with him? If the answer is no, problem solved. However, if you decide that you do want to have sex with him, there are a few more pressing issues you must evaluate before he takes the plunge.

2. Have you had too much to drink? Drinking narcotizes and romanticizes sex. If you don't think you're drunk, you probably are and thusly should not go forth to the bedroom.

3. If you determine that you are not drunk, question three then forms: Do either of us have protection? Ladies, as a sexually active women in the 21st century it is our responsibility to protect ourselves. No one is going to do it for us. If you reach the dilemma where he says 'it just doesn't feel as good' or some other lame 'I don't want to wear a condom' line, stop right there. If he doesn't put it on, he doesn't get to put it in.

Here come the questions we all think about: 'Will he think I'm a slut?' 'will he only call me when he needs to get laid?'

These are important considerations, but they are representative of a more serious issue.

Women have very deeply rooted insecurities when it comes to sex, especially that of a casual nature. We have been reared to believe that being sexual is dirty or wrong. You have to make that determination based on your own moral conviction, just don't make the mistake of letting your insecurities rule.

Women face greater repercussions for engaging in casual sex. It sucks, but it's a fact of life. It's only natural to be worried about what he, and everyone he tells, will think about you and the damage that could cause to your reputation. FORGET EVERYONE ELSE! Think about what you want. You've obviously got the means to get it. All you need is the will to go and do it.

I'm not advocating banging every guy within a 50 miles radius. I'm just telling you not to be afraid of being a woman. We'd be a lot happier if we would act like women, instead of pretending to act the way we've been told a woman should.

The most important issue is how badly you're going to delude yourself about the future of your involvement. Chances are that if you give it up the first night, he will not enter into a relationship with you, at least not a serious one. Most importantly, you will probably not find the man of your dreams in the bar. Those men are the men of the moment. Remember that.

But every man is different. Some men have this perfect vision of the person they're supposed to end up with and chances are, if he hits you up for the booty on the first night, you are not that vision. Other men think that a woman who is secure and confident enough to know what she wants, and more importantly, how to get it is the sexiest thing in the world. These are the guys who won't ask. They'll let you take the reins, and ladies, that's the best kind of ride.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Freedom is never free'

When I attended the anti-war rally, I chose not to speak on this issue due to the fact that so many people already had their minds made up (no matter how wrong they are). After hearing a supposed "PhD" spew her poison on the minds of the "dupes" (as she so eloquently put it) and her legion of followers put forth their mindless babble, I just had to put my piece in on the whole subject.

I find it funny (and ignorant) that so many people base their anti-war mindset on the foolish notion that we are after Iraqi oil. Now do not lie- you hippies do not want oil anyway. All of you believe that we should float around on fairy wings, not drive around in cars. Not to mention the fact that OPEC, the UN, and every other nation in the world (yes, there is a world out there, not just South Hall) will not allow us to dominate that oil supply. Note, this is crude oil, not patchouli oil.

Note: OPEC stands for Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and UN stands for United Nations. I know you do not learn about real world concerns or issues, only tree hugging and pondering the meaning of feathers blowing in the wind.

To the individual who said that dictatorships are more stable than democracies; why don't you move to Iraq? Perhaps then you would appreciate the sacrifice that so many men and women in our armed forces have given so you can enjoy the life you are living.

Now, to address this so called "educator": Where do you get off comparing Bush to Hitler? You do not see Bush or our soldiers herding a bunch of innocent people into gas chambers to be slaughtered by the thousands. You do not see them starving men, women, and children to hasten the process. I propose that you are actually a terrorist biding your time so that you can prey on us "dupes." Saying that we can not think for ourselves is ignorant, especially coming from someone such as yourself. Then again, in today's day and age I guess that I should not be surprised by anything. After all, some peace loving people only flew some airliner into a skyscraper.

Always remember this: You are practicing your freedom of speech because of an amendment created by war.

Freedom is never free.

God Bless America, our troops, and our President

Chad Black

Student makes comment concerning child molesters article

There is a comment I would like to make concerning the March 20, 2003 school paper. My comment is to Edward L. Boudreaux III on his article on child molesters. Let me start by saying that anyone who molests a child has already alienated themselves. Also I would like to point out that these stigmatisms that you cite are punishments for crimes in which they brought upon themselves because they proved that they were not fit to hold such privileges.

According to your own statistic, most molestations are at the hands of family members, thus it MUST fall upon the neighbors to watch our children because obviously the child's family is unfit to do so. This same statistic also undermines you belief that if parents were more vigilant then perhaps molestation cases would decrease. If 75% of molestations occur at the hands of family members than the problem is that some parents watch their kids too much, not vice versa.

As for punishment for such crimes, it should be harsh. These people physically and mentally harm these children. This is not something that is forgotten after it is over and the molester is convicted. It stays with the child for the rest of his or her life. And there is no first time offense, only the first time the person was caught. Therapy should definitely be a part of the rehabilitation process but in conjunction with jail time, not instead of. And why did you state "Registration in conjunction with continued counseling sessions could be effective in preventing future abuse?" I thought your article was against registration, why are you advocating it now?

The difference between your mistakes and theirs is that your mistake was what you did while theirs was getting caught. Had they not been stopped they would still be molesting children. It is also important to note that my mistakes came with consequences. Theirs should be no different.

If an ex-con feels unaccepted, it is because what he has done is unacceptable. It is for this reason that there are laws against such behavior. And please tell me, how can limitations be placed on molesters actions if there is no way to know who they are? The reason that I was unaware of the child molesters in Natchitoches is that I am not a child, nor do I have any. I am sure that responsible parents have used the information to help protect their children.

Now that you are aware of these mistakes what are you going to do? Exactly, you are going to do what you should have done in the first place.

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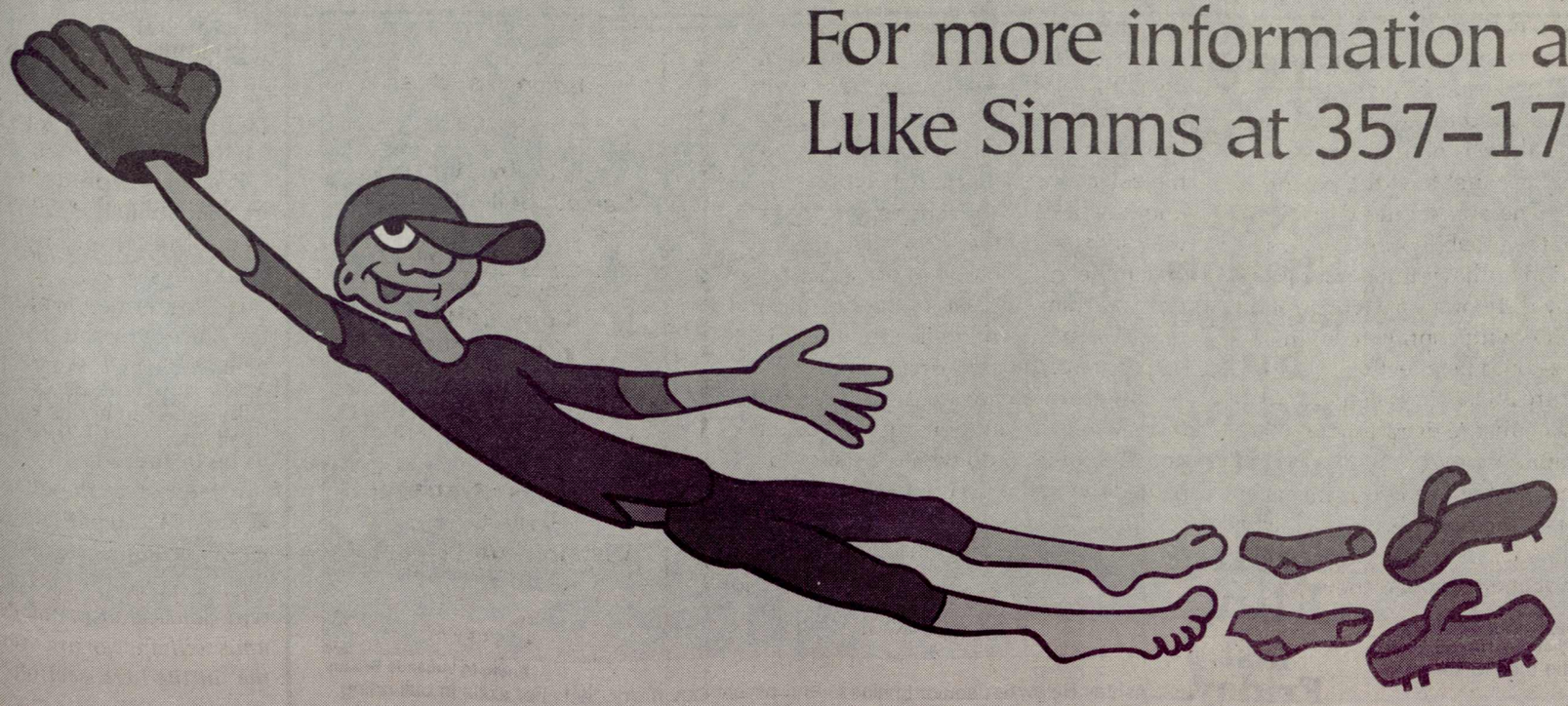

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SAB's Freshman Factor presents 'A Night out on Broadway' Variety Show

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9. Anointed Perfections – Gospel performance

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Tired of spending night after night playing video games or worse, studying? On April Fool's Day, spend a "Night Out on Broadway" with the Freshman Factor.

The Freshman Factor committee is sponsoring a variety show Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the NSU Ballroom.

There will be free pizza, cookies, chips and drinks, and the show is open to all NSU students.

"It's gonna be a dinner and a movie type setting," said Marc Johnson, Freshman Factor committee chairman.

Johnson said there will be round tables, open chairs and lots of decorations to create a nighttime atmosphere.

The event will be hosted by Jacob Justice and Dwayne Punch, two freshman SAB representatives.

The acts featured at the variety show will compete for first, second and third prizes.

They will be judged for qualities such as creativity and audience appeal.

Johnson said that after the acts are finished performing there will be open microphone karaoke while the judges are tallying votes.

The Freshman Factor began planning the variety show in September, and many different themes were considered.

It evolved from a luau to a dinner and movie theme.

Johnson said that any student who attends is sure to have fun.

"It's gonna seem like the action is right in front of you to entertain you," Johnson said.

Stephen King's 'Dreamcatcher'; Nick Drake: Bryter Layter; and Fark.com

REVIEWS

"Dreamcatcher"

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Stephen King's latest movie from a book is best surmised as "American Pie" meets "Aliens."

Lending to this comparison is the naming of a disease after the lead star of the latter and the apple pie scene in the former performed by a bowel-dwelling, alien worm in this guy named Pete (Timothy Olyphant).

The comparison pretty much ends there.

A movie more aptly renamed "Attack of the Toothy Vaginas from Planet Masquerade," "Dreamcatcher" is a fun flick given that plot holes and passed over story lines do not disturb your viewing pleasure.

The premise of the movie revolves around four friends whose annual reunion in the woods happens the same time as a massive alien invasion.

This reunion occurs six months prior to the death and quick recovery of Jonsey (Damian Lewis), the meeker of the four men.

But this Lazarus incident is before the attempted suicide of psychologist Henry (Thomas Jane), the groups successful friend, who after mysteriously outing a men's deep secret of suicide feels guilty.

Of course, all of this stuff is after the four men rescue a Down Syndrome boy named Duddits (Donnie Wahlberg), who bestows upon them wondrous powers of telepathy.

Did I mention that Morgan Freeman plays the colonel of a highly specialized military task force that has been exterminating invading aliens and the humans infected by their red fungus?

This movie is recommended given that you are not prone to seizures induced by confusion or hate movies that cease to carry a seamless story.

Photo Courtesy KRT Campus

The four main characters Jonesy, Henry, Pete and Beaver take out time to toast to a dreamcatcher.

Nick Drake: Bryter Layter

By Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Originally released in the United Kingdom in 1970, and later in the United States in 1977, Bryter Layter was the second release from singer/songwriter Nick Drake.

An artist that did not become appreciated until 30 years after his death, his music remains a makeup of poetic lyrics, incredible string arrangements combined with a blend of soulful strings.

A musical discovery to most, the one song that might sound familiar to the pop culture of today is Pink Moon.

It appeared on a Volkswagen commercial about two years ago, and actually began a new pop movement for the artist. The song appears on the Drake album of the same name.

Drake was an innovator of music who suffered a delayed invasion unlike the Beatles, and during the time that the "fab four," Hendrix and the Doors were captivating American audiences he recorded in the British shadows.

Highlights of Bryter Layter are many. To be perfectly honest, the highlights are the album itself. Beginning with the introduction—DUH!—Drake sets a listening experience that could bring peace to the Gaza Strip.

Sliding into the second track, Hazey Jane II, the listener is awaken from the intro's sleepy melancholy by upbeat horns and a country-twang guitar.

All of the album's songs are gold. To find personal milestones relies simply on listening to the blend of musical arrangement and lyrical writing by the former Columbian University student.

By Garrett Guillotte
News Editor

Long revered by morning show DJs for its wacky headlines, news collective Fark.com has been doing an excellent job collecting breaking news about the war and finding interesting stories off the war path.

However, don't bother comparing Fark with traditional journalism. It produces precious little original content, instead of providing viewers with a long list of links to material already on the 'Net.

Fark, which draws its links from user submissions that span a broad range of sources—from major newspapers to supermarket tabloids, television stations to online journals—is so good at promoting obscure, strange and out-of-the way stories that it has a tendency to overload some of the smaller Web sites it links to, sometimes for weeks.

Fark doesn't mirror, or keep long-term copies of, the content it links to, so it serves best as a steady stream of new information, with opinion through the commentary boards attached to each story.

There's also no presumption at objectivity: stories have single-word tags like "Hero," "Amusing," "Stupid," "Unlikely," and the always interesting and often not safe for work "Boobies" and "Wieners."

Headlines for the stories, while often funnier or more clever than their original ones, can sometimes be misleading.

Still, in a media market obsessed with personalized news and niche magazines, it's refreshing to find a broad slice of the world's best, wackiest or most obscure news, constantly updated and in one place.

The main page of Fark, available at no cost, is the editorially-chosen cream of the user-submitted crop.

TotalFark, available for $5 per month, gives users an unfettered flood of every submitted link—Fark claims as many as a dozen new links per minute, or more than a thousand a day, compared to the four or five dozen posted per day on the free site.

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Bottom Line: Fark is a timely resource for odd and breaking news that may be the prototype Internet news service—once it matures. 4 out of 5.

Photo by Amanda Breaux

Ashley Conish, sophomore political science major, laughs while she tries to keep her balance and her composure.

Yee-Haw!

NSU Students test their bull riding abilities at Spring Fling last Friday.

Photo by Amanda Breaux

Ashley Balawzer, senior business and psychology major, tests her skills in bull riding.

Demon Decorum with KRT Campus

Gym Courtesy

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Whether your pumping iron or hitting the treadmills, there are a few things to know about behaving properly in the gym.

There are certain behaviors that are respectful to others.

For example, it is important to have a towel with you whenever you are breaking a sweat. It is respectful to wipe off the machines after each use.

A good place to keep your towel is over the screen of the treadmill while you are running, thus allowing you to work harder, and perhaps over your time limit.

Its also respectful to keep quiet while lifting weights. Others do not want to know how load you can groan.

Also, set the weights back down gently in order to prevent damage to the machines and equipment.

If you are going to make a phone call, please step into the locker room or go outside.

Do not hover over workout equipment while others are using your desired machine--simply go to anther and come back later.

Singing out loud can also be annoying. Although you may think you should be the next American Idol, more than likely others do not feel the same way.

When working with free weights, set them back on the rack and not on the floor.

Cologne can be overpowering depending on the amount that you put on; if you are going to wear cologne, keep it minimal.

Try not to stay on a machine over a prolonged period of time. There are other people who care to work out also.

As for exercise classes, keep just enough space for you to be comfortable.

The locker room is not a nudist resort. Keep your clothes on.

Do not chat loudly with a friend that is next to you while working out, the entire facility does not want to know your personal life.

Keep your paraphernalia in you locker, and not all over the floor in other walkways.

If someone looks like they are pressed for time, or working very hard, don't talk to them. More than likely they don't want to be bothered.

■ *Kristen Dauzat is a sophomore journalism major. She is the L&E editor for the Current Sauce. Katy Andres' column will appear next week in the in the L&E section.*

NCAA tourney breakdown

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The NCAA tournament is halfway over and it has had the usual upsets and Cinderella stories, but no clear champion has emerged.

The beginning of the tournament saw its usual drama and last minute shots. North Carolina State could not hold off a last minute shot by California that saw the Golden Bears advancing.

Another big upset was the start of the Cinderella's in Butler and Auburn.

Butler knocked off Mississippi State and the Tigers handled St. Joes easily. All number one and number two seeds handled their warm up games and advanced.

The NCAA tournament is down to 32 teams and still no clear favorite. The biggest surprise was the double overtime game between No. 1 Arizona and Gonzaga.

The Zags stood fast but could not over come the Wildcats 96-95. Heavily favorites Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, Pittsburgh, Duke and Kansas all won easily advancing to the Sweet Sixteen.

In the upset bracket saw Notre Dame knock off heavily favorite Illinois and Butler advancing over Louisville. No. 2 seed Florida exited the tournament early thanks to Michigan State and Wake Forest was upset by Auburn.

The Sweet Sixteen is set up with some great match ups in all regions and brackets.

In the West bracket Kansas faces Duke in a great match up. Duke has been inconsistent but will need leadership from Chris Duhon and J. J. Redick.

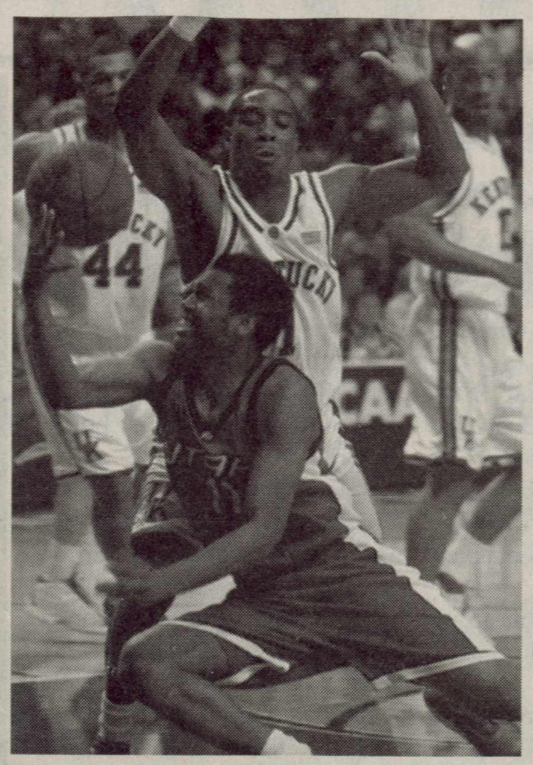

Photo courtesy of KRT Campus
Utah's Tim Drisdom slips as he drives against Kentucky's Cliff Hawkins in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Sunday

Kansas has a fast attack with Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison who will look to spread the floor and advance to the elite eight.

The unlikely pairing of Notre Dame and Arizona shocked everyone.

Can the Cinderella Irish stop the most talented team in the tournament?

In the Mid West Wisconsin looks for the magic that helped them get this far and shut down the best team in the tourney, Kentucky. Kentucky has won 26 in a row and is playing the best defense.

Another great game will be between Marquette and Pittsburgh in a battle between No. 2 and No. 3 seeds. Both teams match up well with no clear advantage for either team.

In the South, Texas will be led by T.J. Ford, hands down the best player in college basketball, against UCONN.

The Huskies will look to be physical against the Longhorns and somehow shut down T.J. Ford.

In the other game pits unlikely Michigan State against the experienced Maryland.

Maryland is very experienced with Steve Blake at the point and the hot shooting with Drew Nicholas.

The Spartans will be ready to play thanks to Coach Tom Izzo.

In the East, the Cinderella Butler faces the No. 1 seed Oklahoma. Can the Sooners shut down the hottest three point shooting team in the tourney?

Hollis Price is still not over a groin injury and Oklahoma might be worried.

The young Syracuse takes on the upstart Auburn Tigers.

Can the inexperience Orangemen advance past the physical Tigers?

Freshmen Carmelo Anthony and point guard Gerry McNamara look to continue playing well and help out the Orangemen.

The tournament has a long way to go with plenty of upsets and buzzer shots to go. With the NCAA tournament anything is possible.

DEMON BASEBALL

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Tuesday, April 8 @ 7

NSU vs. LSU
Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:30

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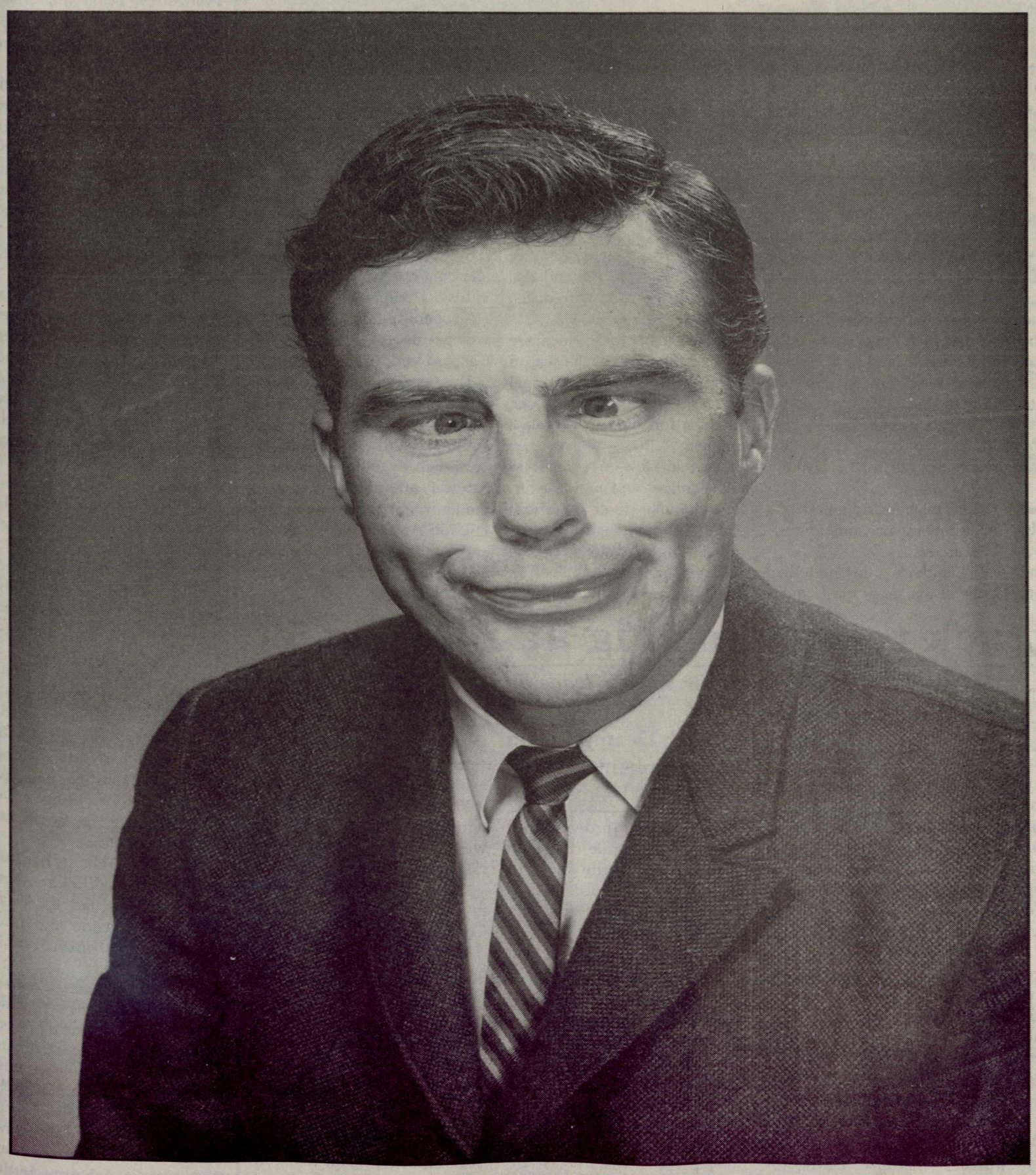

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The way I see it: It's war! Now what do you do?

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

With war upon us it seems the time for nation-wide panic has begun.

Many are nervous about what is going on while others are voicing their opinions through mass protests.

Barrios

However, there are those of us who have come to terms with the fact that no matter how we feel, we can not stop what has already started. That is the bottom line.

No matter how much we tear our cities apart or how often we lose our voices, we are not going to stop the war.

Now that our guns are firing, our voices are no longer effective. The time for protest has ended. Now all we can do is hope and pray that it ends well and ends soon.

In the mean time everyone needs to calm down and live life as normally as possible. CNN is not going to help do this.

Being informed is wonderful, but watching CNN 24/7 is unhealthy. To counter the effects of being overly informed we all need to try something new.

Hmm... what can we do? Oh I know, let's do ANYTHING!

NSU's athletic department offers plenty of sporting events anyone can attend. For instance, the Demon baseball team has four home games coming up in the next two weeks and the softball team has two.

The tennis team plays three at home next week and the football team has two Saturday scrimmages and a spring game that are open to the public.

All over campus there are sporting events that you are more than welcome to attend. There are 12 examples right there. And if Demon sports do not spark your interests there are quite a few professional leagues in season right now.

Basketball is at its more interesting point in the season as it rapidly nears the playoffs. Games are always on television and if you have trouble finding one, Channel 61, Cox Sports Television, constantly shows New Orleans Hornets' games. Just change the channel for a change.

Major League Baseball starts its season this Sunday and soon games will be flooding multiple cable channels.

Even if you have to stoop so low as to watch NASCAR to give yourself a break between bombings, please do so. Anything will help!

All I am trying to say is that we need to break the monotony of news programming long enough to stay sane in insane times.

If sports aren't your thing, find something else to do and do it. The war will still be there when you get back. I promise!

Wins, losses traded at Demon Diamond

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons hosted league-leading Texas-Arlington at Demon Diamond Field this past weekend winning one out of three contests.

The Lady Demons seven game-winning streak was snapped in the first game 4-1. The Lady Demons then handed the Lady Mavericks their first loss in conference play with a 10-hit performance winning the second game 4-2.

NSU could not scratch out the sweep losing Sunday in a close loss 3-1. The Lady Demons tried a comeback but fell short to UTA. Northwestern State now holds a 10-20 record overall and a 4-5 record in the Southland Conference.

In the first game of the series a pitching duel took place between UTA's Katy Cox and First Team All-SLC pitcher Crista Miller.

Miller struck out seven but gave up the two-out double that broke a 1-1 tie. The hit led the Lady Mavericks past the Lady Demons.

The nightcap saw Northwestern State's bats come alive with 10 hits including a monster home run by Tasha Hess. The loss was the first of the season for UTA.

Loni Rasberry held UTA to only two hits until the seventh when she gave up a home run to make it interesting then closed the game out with a fly ball. Krystle Nichols and Lindsey Danzy led NSU offensively with a pair of hits in the win and added a hit in the loss.

A desperate comeback Sunday fell short for NSU as the Lady Mavericks held off the late surge giving them the series. UTA jumped out in front with a home run and then added a pair of runs in the fifth.

NSU got the lone run from Kiana Scott who had a solo home run in the loss.

The loss drops Northwestern State to fifth in the SLC standings.

Before hosting league leading UTA the Lady Demons extended its win streak to seven games winning a double header on March 20, Thursday night, against Grambling.

Northwestern State lit up Grambling for 25 total hits for the night. Grambling was out hit 25-5 in the second game that took only two and a half hours to play.

NSU is still playing without senior pitcher and first basemen Amanda Ortego and junior third basemen Lindsey Leftwich. Ortego is out for a month with a badly sprained ankle and Leftwich is out indefinitely with a sprained knee.

Up next for the Lady Demons is Louisiana Tech Wednesday night and Southeastern this weekend in Southland Conference action.

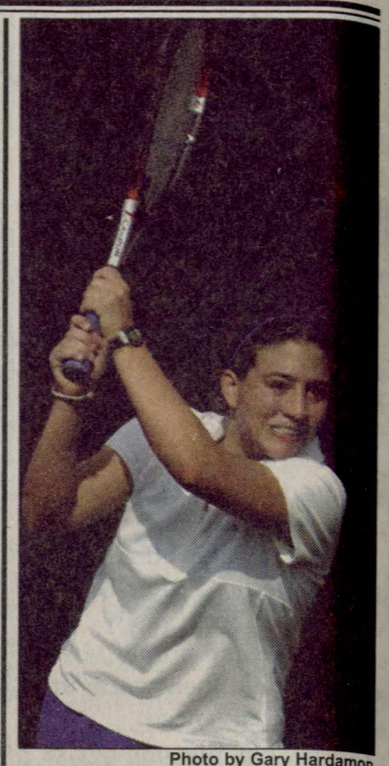
Photo by Gary Hardamon
Camila Prado held strong against her opponent on Sunday.

Tennis: Demons fight hard against SFA

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State has two of the best women's tennis players in the Southland Conference with Eliza Young and Anneline Zerwick heading the Lady Demon lineup.

Lady Demon coach Willie Paz also believes he has two of the most competitive players, Katy Wallace and Camila Prado, whose three-set singles wins gave Northwestern the edge Sunday in a 4-3 triumph at Stephen F. Austin.

With NSU trailing 3-2 and only two matches left to be decided, Wallace prevailed 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3 singles over Emily Voss. At No. 5, Prado won 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 over Christine Huyah to snap a 3-3 tie and hand NSU the match.

The match began with doubles play and SFA, by virtue of a 9-8 (7-5) win in the No. 1 doubles, took two of three pro set matches and earned the doubles point. Paz was confident Young at No. 1 and Zerwick at No. 2 would handle their singles opponents, and they did.

"When I made it to Camila, we decided to change her tactics. Instead of attacking the net, I told her to hit and go back to the baseline, and set up her shots. It was very similar to what Katy started doing, and that got them back on track. There were a lot of moon balls being hit on both courts, but the tide began to turn in our direction," said Paz.

Prado got the upper hand in the second set. Heading into the third set, she roared to leads of 3-0, 4-0, 5-1 and 5-2 before Huyah mounted a great rally of her own, winning the next two games.

Serving for the match up 5-4, Prado fell behind 15-40. She fought off two game points and battled back to deuce, finally holding serve and clinching the match for the Lady Demons.

"Camila fought so hard to get into a position to win, and then she had to reach deep down inside and find the courage to finish it off," said Paz.

The Lady Demons raised their SLC record to 3-1 heading into a pair of matches on the road at Southwest Texas State and Texas-San Antonio this weekend. NSU will bring a 4-6 overall record into a homecourt non-conference match Thursday at 2:00 against Arkansas-Little Rock.

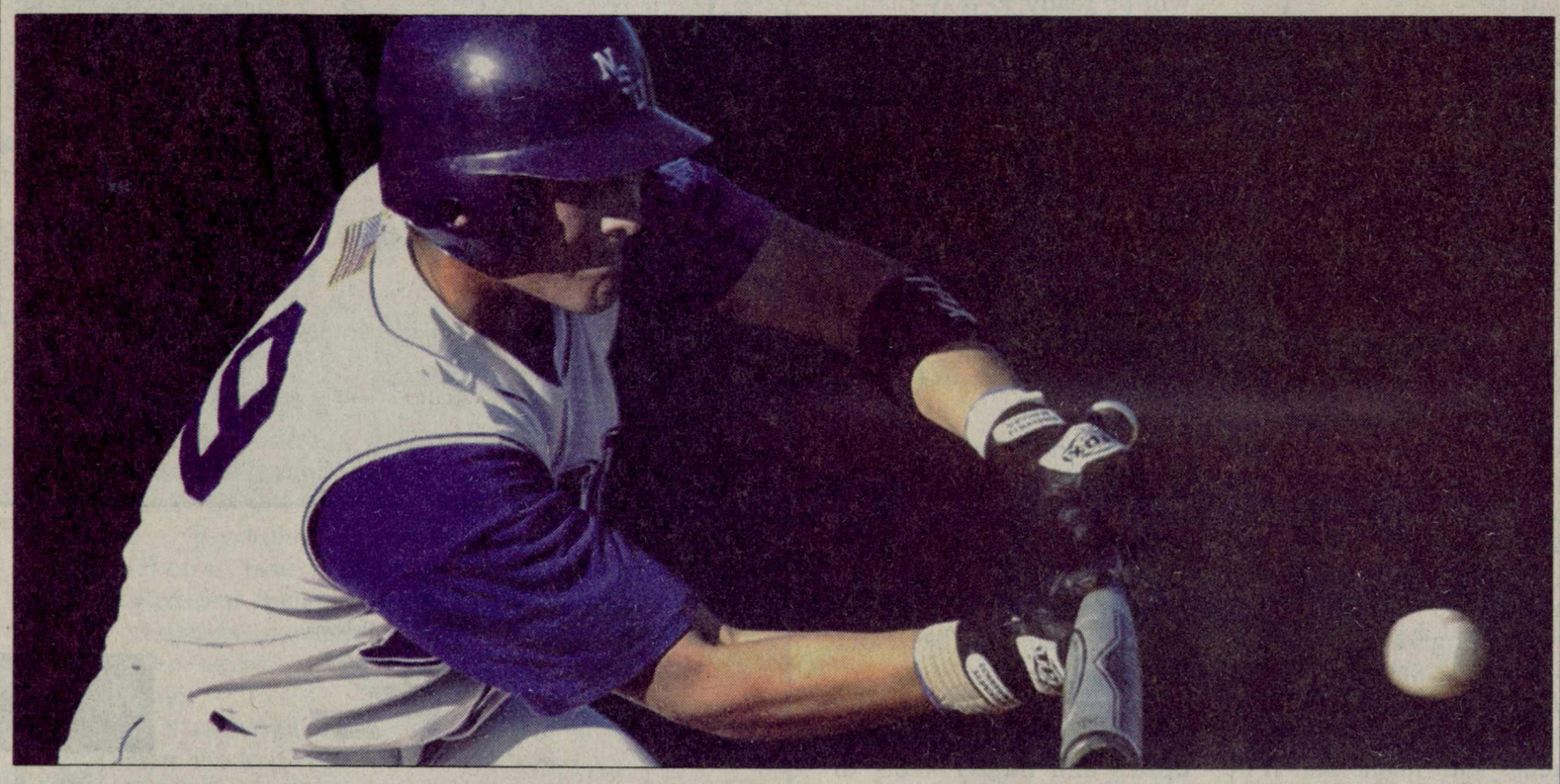
Photo by Gary Hardamon
Anatole Vincent knocked two out of the park in the Demons final meeting with the Colonels on Sunday. NSU took all three games against Nicholls State.

NSU sweeps Colonels in series

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Before dropping last night's decision to the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs, the Demon baseball team won big as they beat the Nicholls State University Colonels last week and gained national ranking.

The Demons swept the Colonels in a three game series at Nicholls bringing their record to 17-8 for the season and 4-2 in conference play and ranking them 33rd in the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association.

"Our goal is to continue to play well and hopefully play our best ball at the end of the season," Head Coach Mitch Gaspard said.

In the first game of the series the Demons showed they could do just that as they held the game 3-1 just before the Colonels' four-run sixth inning. The Demons answered back in the top of the seventh inning when Steven Adams brought in three runs off a triple to the left field wall with bases loaded locking the win with a score of 9-5.

On Saturday, the Demons found themselves in a dead locked tie 4-4 with the Colonels in the seventh inning,but relief pitcher Cory Keener later came come out with the win after an amazing batting display.

Batters Jeff Martin, Brandon Morgan and Tigger Lyles aided in the eighth and ninth inning hitting rampages bringing the score to 10-4.

Though the Colonels would attempt to battle back they eventually fell to the Demons 10-7.

"Our pitchers did a heck of a job throwing up some zeros," Gaspard said.

In Sunday's third and final game of the series the Demons engaged in a tough batting battle with the Colonels that resulted in a late game scoring rampage.

Anatole Vincent hit his first of two two-run homers of the game in the fourth inning answering back to a second inning two run homerun by the Colonels' Brad Dantonio.

Vincent's second two-run homer in the eighth inning aided in the comeback and also in locking the 13-10 win for the Demons.

Relief pitcher Josh Dencausse took his first win of the season as he pitched the game's final five innings allowing only one run and forcing four scoreless innings.

"We had a few guys step it up in the bullpen and allow the hitters to take over in those games," Gaspard said.

Last night, however, the Demons hit a rough spot in their hitting as the Bulldogs wrestled them down 0-2.

The Demons only managed to squeeze four hits past the Bulldogs' four pitchers. The Bulldogs also did not let the Demon hitters to third base until the eighth inning when Michael Palerrmo finally made it to third on a double play.

Dencausse stepped up again as he shut down 19 of 21 batters striking out nine and only allowing one hit and no walks in his 6 2/3 innings.

"Hopefully this kind of play will get us going offensively," Gaspard said. "It's contagious."

This weekend the nationally ranked Demons will move the action home as they play a two game series the University of Texas-San Antonio Friday and Saturday afternoon and take on the University of Alabama and LSU on April 8 and 9. Tickets are on sale now for those games and at the NSU ticket office in the Field House.

Women's track team wins big at Texas meet

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

"She is a very confident runner and she leads by example..."

-Women's Coach Dean Johnson
About Stephanie Sowell,
NSU's first woman All-American

The Demon track and field team brought their best to College Station, Texas as they kicked off their outdoor season last weekend.

While at the meet at Texas A&M a few of NSU's competitors took the gold including all-American long jumper and triple jumper Stephanie Sowell. Sowell jumped 20 feet 3 3/4 inches in the long jump and 40 feet 18 3/4 inches in the triple jump winning both events. Sowell became the first all-American women in NSU history placing with in the top eight in the nation in both competitions.

"She is a very confident runner and she leads by example," women's coach Dean Johnson said.

Southland Conference champion high jumper Jacqueline Canton won her event clearing 5 feet 7 inches in the high jump competition. With that mark Canton qualified for NCAA regionals.

Canton also finished second place in the triple jump just behind Sowell with a mark of 40 feet 8 1/4 inches.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team also came in close as they took second place with a total time of 47.45.

In the women's 100-meter hurdles Brittany Littlejohn placed runner up with a time of 14.18.

The women throwers did well as Stephanie Harmon placed fourth in the shot put and Samantha Ford placed fifth in the javelin throw and qualified regionally.

Overall the women seemed to pull out of the competition well while the men ran into a little more trouble.

Johnson said though there were a few high rankings there were no stand out racers at the meet.

Long jumper Cedric Scott brought in two of those second place finishes as he cleared 23 feet 6 inches in the long jump and 49 feet 0 3/4 inches in the triple jump.

Jonah Chelimo also brought in a second place finish from the men's 3000-meter steeplechase.

Chelimo, who clocked 9:45.90 in the race, said that while he placed second, he was still disappointed with his run.

"I am still recovering from my injury during indoors," Chelimo said.

The NSU 4x400 meter relay team also placed in third with a total time of 3:45.90. Other rankings among NSU's men were Danny Allen and Dedrick Bullock who placed fifth in the shot put and the men's 110 meter hurdles respectively.

Next weekend the Demon track and field team will continue on with its outdoor season in Beaumont, Texas.

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SGA gives sex host second chance

Johanson passes senate debate, but administration must still approve

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The SGA senate passed legislation Monday to bring sex-show host Sue Johanson to NSU as next semester's distinguished lecturer.

The effort to bring Johanson to NSU has been spearheaded by senator Mindy McConnell and has persisted in the senate for weeks. She wrote the bill that finally brought the matter to a close.

Critics of the legislation claimed the $12,035 cost to bring Johanson was excessive and that Johanson is unqualified to speak.

Nonetheless, the senate passed a second bill Monday to strengthen the case for Johanson to be invited to speak.

It defined what a distinguished lecturer should be and explained how Johanson fulfilled the criteria. Senator Amanda Breaux wrote the bill in response to criticism that Johanson did not qualify as a distinguished lecturer.

Breaux is a staff photographer for the *Current Sauce*.

The two criteria stated in bill SP03-018 noted that people being considered for the position should be knowledgeable in their field and that their topics should directly affect a large part of the student body.

The bills did not pass without dissent, however. Senators opposed to Johanson concentrated on her quality as a speaker and the large amount of money required to bring her here.

"It would be a blemish on Northwestern State University to spend $12,000 to have some woman on here that belongs on a 1-900 sex talk show or Jerry Springer, one or the other," senator Keith Gates said.

Gates argued that sex educators have been brought to the campus for much less money. He felt that the money would be better spent on a speaker covering a different topic.

Breaux disagreed with Gates, defending the need for a famous sex educator who could draw a large crowd by citing statistics on the spread of sexually transmitted diseases in Natchitoches.

"There is no sum of money too great for the education of our students," Breaux said.

Even though the bill passed, it is not yet certain that Johanson will come. The bill must first be approved by University President Randall Webb.

After that, Johanson must accept the offer to come to NSU and speak. If both occur, the soonest Johanson will come is early this fall.

The SGA senate meets each Monday in the Cane River Room of the Student Union at 7 p.m. Interested students are invited to attend.

getting political: Membership, interest swells in campus activism groups

Stories by Courtney Cavaliere

College Republicans grow with war, protests

The recent political turmoil inspired by the war on Iraq has generated greater interest in some campus political organizations, including NSU's College Republicans.

NSU College Republicans President Dustin Floyd said, "It often takes something like a war to get people to take a stance on issues."

Floyd, who has served as president of the club since fall 2000, said that many students have approached him lately, wanting to join an organization that would support their own political values.

"I'm getting a lot more people coming up

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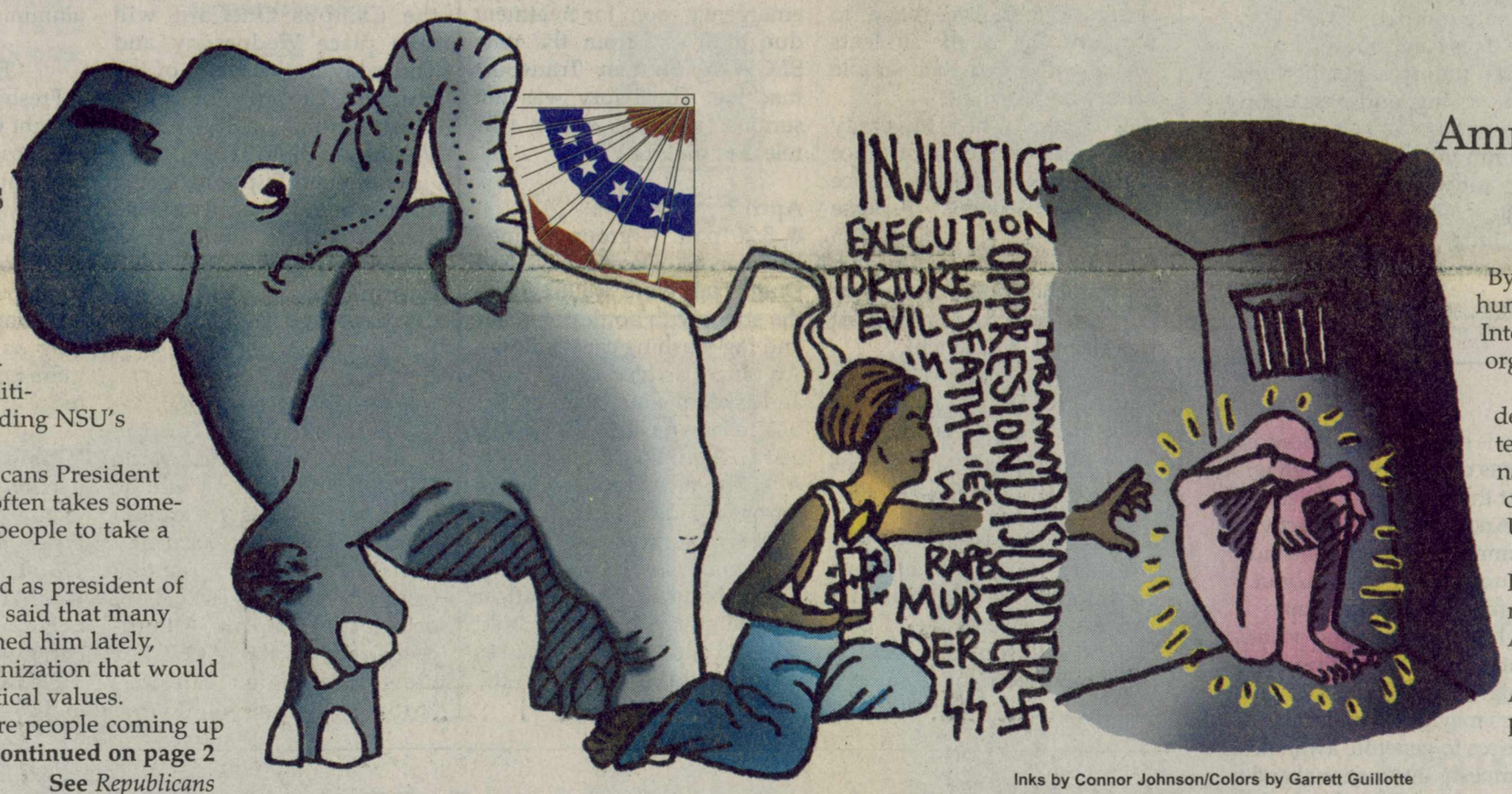

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Scholars' College students form Amnesty International campus chapter

By the fall, NSU should be able to list human rights association Amnesty International among its official campus organizations.

A group of Scholars' College students are currently drafting the chapter's constitution and doing preliminary groundwork so that Amnesty can be officially recognized by the University.

NSU Amnesty president Roy Heidelberg instigated the development of the University chapter of Amnesty International this semester.

While Heidelberg stressed that Amnesty is non-political, he did say political climates have limited debate

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NSU coders rock national computer competition

From News Bureau and Staff Reports

A team of computer and information systems students from NSU dominated competition at a national technology professionals conference.

The University team won first, second and fourth place in systems analysis competition at the Eighth Annual Association of Information Technology Professionals Collegiate Conference.

The conference, hosted this year at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., marks the third year in a row that NSU has nationally won that centerpiece competition.

The first place team consisted of students Andy Baragona, Kelly Ellis and Kelly McKenzie. Tina Mouton and Deran Schilling finished second, and James Smith and Trey Staley placed fourth.

University teams also placed in several other categories (see sidebar).

University students have placed at all 11 competitions they have taken part in over the past four years, including the top three places in COBOL programming competition at a recent regional conference.

University President Randall Webb, who helped secure funds to pay for the team's chartered buses, strongly praised the team's work.

"The performance by our students and work done by our faculty show that this program is one of the best in the United States," Webb said.

Computer and Information Systems program to expand

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Team sponsor and advisor Barbara Russell said the teams' successes were because of the University's wide scope of training.

"This shows the overall strength of the program," said Russell, who was awarded Faculty Advisor of the Year at the conference. "The students are outstanding and the faculty provides broad-based training."

NSU AITP Nationals Winners

Systems Analysis
1st, 2nd, 4th (see story)

COBOL programming
2nd place
Nick Hammonds, Curtis Penrod

Undergraduate Student Papers
2nd place
Kelli Fontana

Banner—Creative
2nd place
Kirsten Allen, Janice Allen, Dennis Watkins

Webmaster
3rd place
Tina Mouton, Deran Schilling

Database
4th place
Kelli Fontana, Curtis Penrod

Fraternity members accused of hazing restricted from recruiting

■ *Kappa Alpha Psi keeps campus organization recognition*

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The members of an NSU fraternity have been restricted from participating in several campus and organizational activities.

John E. Winston, vice president of university affairs and adviser to Kappa Alpha Psi, said the restrictions include recruiting of new members, interest meetings for new members and group activities.

Winston said the fraternity would remain as a recognized student organization.

"If the legal matters are taken care of then these charges will be dropped," Winston said.

Twelve members of the fraternity were charged with hazing Donald Haley, Jr. Haley suffered minor injuries from the incident and resigned from the University.

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi refused to comment.

Winston said Haley and his family refuse to talk to anyone in the fraternity. He also said the fraternity had not received permission from the region to recruit new members during the time of the hazing incident.

"I work with these young men, and it hurts the fraternity and me personally because of the adverse publicity," Winston said. "However, I can't be responsible for something out of my company."

NSU22 weekend forecast

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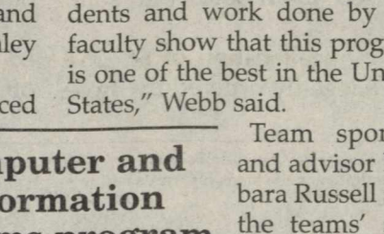

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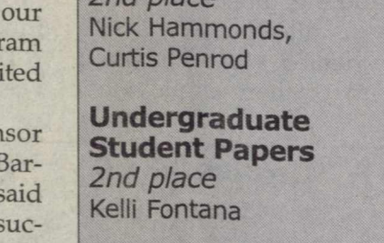

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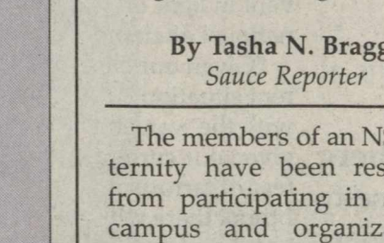

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Republicans

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to me, saying 'Hey, I'm a Republican. How can I get involved?'" Floyd said.

Although Floyd and other members of the College Republicans participated in the March 20 war demonstration on campus, Floyd said that the College Republicans did not organize the pro-war side of the demonstration.

"Nothing would thrill me more than to say we started it," Floyd said, "but we didn't."

He said the event was organized entirely by individuals.

Floyd did say, however, that he and other members of the College Republicans would participate if there were any future campus demonstrations.

"Anytime there is a protest, we'll be there," Floyd said. "The hippies can go ahead and be prepared that whenever there's a protest, we'll be right there on the other side, just as vocal."

Floyd further stressed that members of the College Republicans do not adhere to a single standard view regarding the war with Iraq.

Alex Aichinger, associate professor of political science and sponsor of the College Republicans, said people within the Republican Party have different views regarding the war.

"There are Republicans who support the war, and there are Republicans equally patriotic and concerned with the troops who are not in favor of what's going on in Iraq. And that's fine," Aichinger said.

Floyd explained that the chapter is currently in a transitional period. The regularly scheduled meetings of the past have lapsed into sporadic meetings.

However, he said that members of the group will elect new officers soon, as part of its reorganization.

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> **—Alex Aichinger**
> College Republicans sponsor

"The purpose of the organization is to garner support for the principles for which the Republican party stands and to get young people involved in politics," Aichinger said.

He said that the approaching election for governor in the fall should incite increased activity within the chapter.

College Republican member Keith Gates said that the organization will also help campaign for President Bush's reelection next semester. Last semester the group helped with Suzanne Terrell's senate campaign.

Gates said that members often put up signs, perform canvassing, and pass out flyers within the Natchitoches community while campaigning for Republican candidates. Other club activities include voter registration and information drives.

Amnesty

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on campus.

"You hear a lot about the Republicans on this campus," Heidelberg said. "This is a very Republican state. I wanted to bring some liberal concerns to the campus as well.

"Humanitarianism is something that everyone should be aware of," Heidelberg said.

Amnesty International originated in London in 1961 that promotes protection of "the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards."

"Amnesty International is a grassroots non-governmental organization," Katy Andres, treasurer of the NSU Amnesty chapter said. "It aims to draw attention to violations of human rights on a global scale."

Scholars' College professor James Means, faculty sponsor of the chapter, said the organization could provide important dialogue on campus.

"We've never had a really politicized student body. I think that we, as professors, really need to support our students when they take an interest in political affairs and human rights," Means said.

Andres said that Amnesty International is primarily concerned with issues that receive minimal national attention. For instance, Amnesty International lobbies for the relief of prisoners of conscience in various countries. These people are detained or abused simply because they hold ideals that conflict with those of the ruling regime. Means also said slavery is still being practiced in areas of the world, often without the public's knowledge.

Andres said future activities planned for the club include educating the public about human rights and human rights violations, and participating in letter writing campaigns. Heidelberg said members may also visit local businesses to generate awareness of Amnesty International and its concerns and to attract sponsors among the community.

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> **—Roy Heidelberg**
> Campus Amnesty International president

Means, who recently renewed his personal membership with Amnesty International, said that the organization's principles are particularly relevant in light of national affairs.

"Given our current situation with the war, and given our current fear of terrorism, I think there will be a lot of people interested in joining organizations dedicated to preserving human rights," Means said.

However, in regards to the war with Iraq, chapter vice president Pierre Dupleix stressed that the organization is non-political.

"We're not necessarily concerned about the war or the politics of the war," he said. "We'd only be concerned if human rights were being broken."

Heidelberg said, "Amnesty's only real concern regarding this war is the humanitarian crisis." He said this would include the treatment of civilians, refugees, and surrounding nations.

Meetings are held Tuesday evenings at 7 in the third floor lobby of Boozman and are open to all students.

Police Blotter

Compiled by Glenn Ward

March 27

■ 10:00 a.m. A woman from the basketball office said her purse was stolen at the Healthfest and an officer was dispatched to take a report. At 10:36 a.m., the woman had found her purse.

■ 3:20 p.m. 911 relayed a call about a medical emergency at the University Columns. An officer arrived at 3:23 p.m. The Natchitoches Parish Hospital was called at 3:24 p.m. and an ambulance arrived at 3:27 p.m. to bring the student to the hospital.

■ 8:30 p.m. A student called and said that he and other members of the NSU Rowing Team were locked inside the farm gate area. At 8:35 p.m. an officer was dispatched and opened the gate to release them.

■ 9:16 p.m. There was a fight at the Student Union. Three officers arrived at 9:17 p.m., but the situation was already under control. No arrests were made and no injuries were reported.

March 28

■ 12:19 a.m. The right front glass of a car in the Rapides Hall parking lot was shattered. Two students were arrested March 31 and charged with simple criminal damage to property. One of the students was also charged with simple battery on March 31.

■ 2:08 a.m. The University Police requested assistance from the Natchitoches Police Department to disperse approximately 150 people in the Rapides Hall parking lot. Natchitoches police arrived at 2:11 a.m. and the parking lot was cleared by 2:43 a.m.

March 29

■ 10:45 a.m. A person called to file a report about areas near the TEC building getting egged.

■ By 3:37 p.m. A student was arrested and charged with simple burglary in Rapides Hall. University Detective Doug Prescott said someone had left their door open and a student walked in and took two pairs of pants and a wallet. The arrested student is now in the Natchitoches Detention Center, and all of the stolen items were recovered.

March 30

■ 1:15 a.m. A residence hall front desk worker called about a student threatening suicide. An officer responded by 1:16 a.m. and stayed until the student's mother arrived from home. The mother arrived at 2:30 a.m. and took her daughter back home.

■ 12:10 p.m. A woman found a Bank of America Visa check card in front of Sabine Hall and gave it to the police. The owner was contacted and picked it up. He was very appreciative.

March 31

■ 7:16 a.m. The Animal Shelter called about a black rooster loose on university grounds. As of press time, the chicken was still missing.

■ By 12:56 p.m., Two students had been arrested and charged with simple battery after they had "supposedly jumped a guy at the Student Union," Prescott said. One of the students was also involved in the simple criminal damage to property on March 28.

■ Noon The police secretary brought an officer to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital emergency room for treatment due to injury from the new SEGWAY Human Transport machine. The injury was not serious, and the officer was released that day.

April 1

■ 5:26 p.m. A group of men between St. Denise Hall and Dodd Hall were walking into the street with bottles of water and rag-washing car windows. An officer arrived at 5:29 p.m. and asked the men to move on. Before leaving, they said it was just an April Fool's thing.

■ 9:53 p.m. A desk worker at Varnado Hall called about a white male wearing a dark shirt and cowboy jeans outside masturbating. An officer arrived at 9:56 p.m., but could not find him. Frequent passes were made throughout the night.

Campus Connections

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club will be administering practice tests for the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT and the ACT Friday. Tests will cost $5 and will be held on the second floor of Kyser Hall at 3:30 p.m. Call 1-800-KAPTEST to register.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. in Kyser Room 341 to prepare for Salsa Night, which will be on April 8 from 7-11 p.m in the Alley. Raffle prizes include lunch bags, thermos, T-shirts and gift certificates. Any member who is interested in making a poster for the event can contact their class representative or Comfort Pratt in Kyser Office 314-E, or call 357-5590.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Voting for the naming of the Campus OneCard will take place Wednesday and Thursday in the lobby of the Student Union. For more information, call Kristy Vienne at 357-5131.

Senate and Supreme Court appointment applications are available in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information, call Greg Comeaux at 357-4501.

Catholic Student Organization (CSO)

To raise money for the American Cancer Society, the CSO of Holy Cross Catholic Church is having its annual jambalaya dinner Saturday from 5-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-2 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $5 a plate. All proceeds go to the ACS. For more information call 352-2615.

KNWD

KNWD is looking for DJs to fill open time slots. If you want one, come by Room 109 in Kyser Hall and see either Brad or Warner. We are looking for a few good DJs! Slots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Natchitoches Head Start

The Office of Community Services Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the 2003-2004 program year. Applications will be accepted through May 30.

The Head Start program serves children of ages 3-5, including children with disabilities and their families.

Applications are available at head start centers in Natchitoches, Campti and Natchez, as well as the NSU Head Start Center at 350 Sam Sibley Drive.

For more information, call 357-2213.

Northwestern Environmental Organization

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sundays at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

Freshman Factor

Freshman Factor will host "Night Out On Broadway" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be a Broadway variety show and a contest of creativity open to anyone on campus. You or your group can do anything of your choosing, as long as it is appropriate. For more information, call the SAB office at 357-5438.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Please include your name and contact information.

Audit faculty lose appeal, University employment

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

On March 28 the University of Louisiana System's Board of Supervisors denied the termination appeal of three NSU faculty members implicated of mishandling money in a legislative audit report.

The denied appeal finalized the end of their employment with the University.

According to the audit report, Alvin Brossette, Sherman Vogel and Glenn Moffett were released from NSU with pay following the October findings of the state auditor's office that alleged the three had misused about $60,000 in state funds.

The misallocation of $42,331 was allegedly ordered by Brossette to be paid to the Ben D. Johnson Educational Center for training employees of a local industrial plant of Alliance Compressors.

The audit report claimed that only 36 of the 56 employees actually received any training, but under a different program.

The Natchitoches Times reported that on Nov. 25 NSU sent official word to the three faculty members informing them Dec. 25 would be their last day of work.

The three appealed their terminations and were allowed paid leave in accordance with NSU faculty handbook guidelines.

That appeal was then sent to the Board where it failed, thus upholding the NSU's decision to terminate their employment.

SGA Minutes 3/31/03

Present:
Chad Black
Amanda Breaux
Kayla Brosset
Gregory Comeaux
Andy Dye
Keith Gates
Mindy McConnell
Jeremiah McMillan
Scott Manguno
Kelli Miller
Rachel Murray
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Josh Stelly
Alan Sypert

Absent:

Amanda Breaux moves to approve minutes of last meeting. Chad Black seconds motion. Motion passes.

Executive Reports

Treasurer's Report: Dustin Matthews
Dustin was sorry about his absence last week. Mr. Henry reminds Dustin that a letter was sent to ask SGA help fund the Freshman Connection T-Shirts. No other report

VP Report: Jen Jensen
Reminder about elections this Wednesday and Thursday.

President Report: (Greg Comeaux) Stacie is absent.
Stacie took the new executive to meet with President Webb today, which went very well.

Departmental Reports

Academic Affairs: Mindy McConnell: no report

External Affairs: Amanda Breaux
Committee made signs for Argus and the elections.

Fiscal Affairs: Dustin Matthews
Scott Manguno and Alan Sypert met about Club Sports. Organizational Grants spent $350 therefore, $250 will go back into the budget.

Internal Affairs: Greg Comeaux:
STAT meeting at 2:30.

Student Affairs: Andy Dye
Lighting problem was discussed today and it is due to the construction company they keep turning the electricity off. Do not forget about elections Wednesday and Thursday.
Mindy McConnell enters

Advisers Report: Mr. Henry
Andy Dye questioned if he will be able to enlarge the constitutional changes for the election. A new director for the Wellness Center has been advertised on a statewide level through the Internet. Interviews for those who have contacted Mr. Henry about the job will be soon. Club Sports will be very busy next year as will the new Wellness Director.

SAB Report: Andy Dye
Freshman Factor "A Night on Broadway" will be April 1, 2003 and an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under Wednesday
Sharmyn Little enters.

Supreme Court: Sharmyn Little: no report

Unfinished Business

Scott Manguno reads SP03-016 and Zack Pulliam moves to approve Bill SP03-016. Chad Black seconds the motion. Discussion Bill SP03-016 Passes

Keith Gates reads Bill SP03-017 and Chad Black moves to approve Bill SP03-017. Keith Gates seconds the motion. Discussion

Zach Pulliam moves to amend Bill SP03-017 to state that a "loan should not exceed the amount of $150" instead of "$200". Amanda Breaux seconds the motion to amend Bill SP03-017. Motion to amend Bill SP03-017 passes. Keith Gates moves to amend Bill SP03-017 to state that the loan should be paid back "within 90 days" instead of "30 days". Rachel Murry seconds the motion to amend Bill SP03-017. Motion to amend Bill SP03-017 passes. Chad Black moves to vote on the twice-amended version of Bill SP03-017. Kelli Miller seconds the motion. Bill SP03-017 fails.

Amanda Breaux reads Bill SP03-018 and Keith Gates moves to approve Bill SP03-018. Andy Dye Seconds the motions. Discussion Keith Gates moves to postpone Bill SP03-018. Chad Black seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Motion fails. Discussion Amanda Breaux moves to amend Bill SP03-018 to the bylaws of Article 2 making points one and two of the bill sections 3.1 and 3.2 of Article 2 the " Distinguished Lecturer". Alan Sypert moves to approve the amendment to Bill SP03-018. Mindy McConnell seconds the motion. Discussion on amendment. Amendment passes.

Mindy McConnell moves to amend Bill SP03-018 to add "Nationally Accredited" to 3.1. Alan Sypert moves to approve the amendment to Bill SP03-018. Scott Manguno seconds the motion. Discussion Roll call vote

Motion fails Amanda Breaux moves to approve the amended version of Bill SP03-018. Mindy McConnell seconds the motion. Roll Call vote Bill SP03-018 passes.

Mindy McConnell reads Bill SP03-019. Zach Pulliam moves to approve Bill SP03-019. Keith Gates seconds the motion. Keith Gates moves to object the consideration of the bill. Chad Black seconds the motion. Roll Call vote. Motion fails Discussion

Keith Gates moves to table Bill SP03-019. Chad Black seconds the motion. Roll call vote Motion fails Discussion Keith Gates moves to postpone Bill SP03-019. Rachel Murry seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Motion fails. Discussion Mindy McConnell moves to approve Bill SP03-019. Amanda Breaux seconds the motion. Roll Call vote Bill SP03-019 passes

Alan Sypert reads Bill SP03-020. Zach Pulliam moves to approve Bill SP03-020. Scott Manguno seconds the motion. Discussion Roll call vote Bill SP03-020 passes.

New Busines

Casey Ponder moves to approve $2,500 for the Freshman Connection T-Shirts. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Announcements

Ballots were handed out for the end of the year awards turn them into Jen Jensen after you have voted. The winners are going to be announced at the banquet.

Rachel Murry has a petition going around about extending the library office hours, please spread the word. Rachel will be contacting Dr. Burns about all the details.

Greg Comeaux reminded everyone about their one hour to work for the elections.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Computer degree program to expand

By April N. Dickson
Sauce Reporter

NSU's computer and information systems department has proposed additions to its majors' current curriculum.

The proposed curriculum offers two concentrations for CIS majors, rather than the one-track course of the current curriculum.

The first concentration is application development, which is the focus of the current curriculum. The second concentration is electronic commerce development.

"The two tracks are highly complimentary. Both allow strong coverage of system analysis, database designs and programming," Jack Russell, head of the CIS department, said.

The current curriculum has two e-commerce classes. The proposed curriculum will add a new series of new e-commerce classes.

"Currently, new grads with web development ad e-commerce skills are in great demand as long as the student has a strong database, system analysis, and programming background," Russell said. "Moreover, the demand continues for grads in the areas of database design, systems development, business programming languages and visual languages."

The proposed web classes, to be added in the fall 2003 semester, are CIS 3020: webpage development, CIS 4400: topics and e-commerce and CIS 4020: client-side development.

The University's Curriculum Resource Committee is reviewing this curriculum change. The department will learn whether the change is approved until the end of this month.

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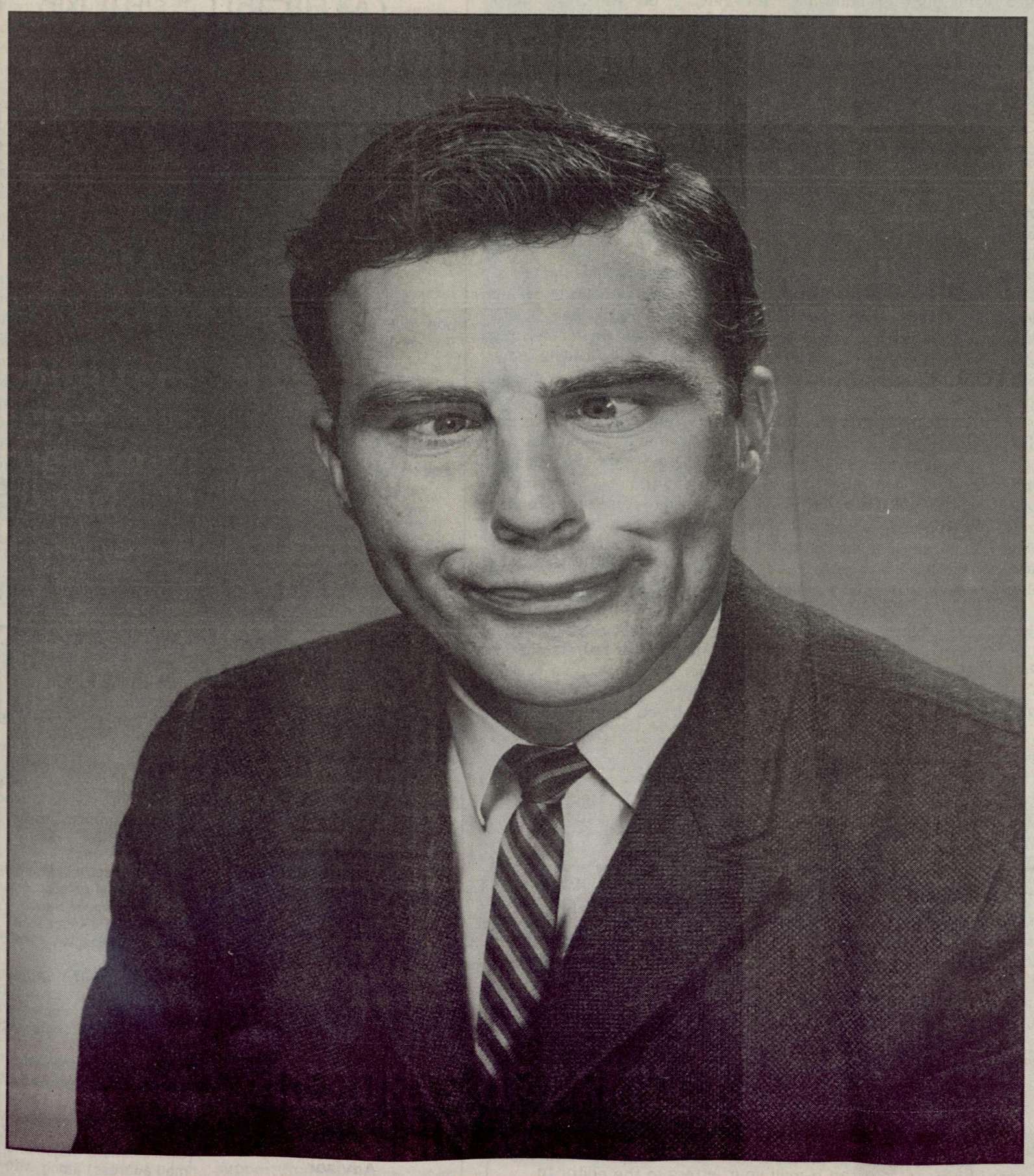
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WE SPEAK...

NSU students and faculty speak out about last week's protest and our coverage of it

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Last Thursday students and faculty assembled outside of the Student Union to voice their opinions about America's war with Iraq. Both war protesters and war supporters spoke out at the protest. Following the protest a letter to the editor appeared in the March 23 issue of the *Sauce*. The following are letters to the editor submitted by students and faculty. The letters are all in reference to last week's protest and the *Current Sauce*'s coverage there of. None of the letters have been edited for content, with the exception of Holly Stave's, which she edited upon request due to length. Due to space constraints, not all of the letters made it to print. However, you can access other letters to the editor at **www.currentsauce.com.**

Scholars' professor rebuttles student's letter

I feel compelled to write in response to Chad Black's attack on me in last week's Current Sauce. Yes, I did point out that the 60 or so vocal pro-war supporters were "ignorant dupes" and I will stand by that claim.

I left the rally sickened at what I perceived to be a failure of education and for that, I hold myself and all educators equally responsible, even as I recognize that the appalling misinformation, lack of logic and lack of analytic thought of the majority of the pro-war students who spoke does not necessarily apply to the thousands of other NSU students who were not at the rally or who chose not to speak. Incidentally, I do want to point out that in the 45 minutes during which I attended the rally, one pro-war student did make an excellent point, the only example of a true argument I heard. He (and I wish I knew his name, to commend him) pointed out that after Desert Storm, the peace treaty with Iraq required Saddam Hussein to disarm and allowed an interventionist first strike if he did not. With that exception, none of the other pro-war supporters did anything more than name call and engage in cliche-ridden drivel.

I would have to write a very long letter to point out all the examples of unfounded and unintelligent claims made that afternoon. We were called "commie hippies," making me wonder if the speaker slept through the entire 1990's. Most of us know the Cold War is over. The Soviet Union dismantled in 1991 and the former soviet states are no longer Communist; even China now has a free-market economy. Another odd moment came when one pro-war student taunted me by saying that if I didn't like it here, I should go live in Germany; his tone suggested insult, although I'm not clear why, given that Germany is a) a democracy, as we claim to be and b) our ally.

However, several of the other "claims" made by pro-war students deserve more attention. Several of these had to do with the position of religion in the United States. One student argued that the founding fathers were Christian, a claim that would certainly surprise most of them. I assumed even intelligent high school students, much less university students, would understand that Deism is not a variant of Christianity, that believing in a God who created a world governed by the laws of nature and what we now call the laws of thermodynamics is a far cry from believing that Jesus died for one's sins and is accessible through prayer. After all, Thomas Jefferson did write in a letter to Samuel Kercheval, "But a short time elapsed after the death of the great reformer of the Jewish religion, before his principles were departed from by those who professed to be his special servants, and perverted into an engine for enslaving mankind, and aggrandizing their oppressors in Church and State." Another student argued that the war was "about God.," which is an even more worrisome claim. As one of my students muttered under his breath, "9/11 was about God, too," a point we need to remember. Religions of all ilk developed out of specific socio-political and economic circumstances and what they all share is an attempt to grasp the ineffable mystery of life, its terror and its glory. Significantly, they do not all share an understanding of the divine. Therefore to talk about "God" as though there were only one such concept most specifically does not work in a war that might be argued has been driven by a decades- if not centuries-long attempt on the part of the West to impose their God, not to mention their values and their economic system on the Middle East (and indeed on the rest of the world). If the world is to survive in a time in which any nation has access to technologically sophisticated weapons, we must above all commit ourselves to an acceptance of religious diversity. When I pointed out to the crowd that some sociologists of religion believe that by 2025, Islam will be the dominant religion in the United States, the pro-war students booed, although again, I am not certain why. Am I to understand that these pro-war students, who are supposedly so committed to the American ideal, do not believe Muslims have the same freedom of religion guaranteed to all of us by the Bill of Rights. Again, I can only worry about the failure of education that is behind such a view.

Had the crowd booed less and listened more, I perhaps could have explained what I meant by "dupes" (actually "dupes of the press" was my direct quote). Yes, Mr. Black, I do believe there is a world outside South Hall, although I'm not sure most of the pro-war students recognize that. Most of us as intellectuals realize that we will not arrive at any complex understanding of the issues at work in this war by relying on American news sources. I am not saying they are deliberately biased, although some obviously are, and recently, restraints have been placed on the press by Donald Rumsfeld (a violation of freedom of the press???) However, even presses concerned about providing a more complex analysis of the current situation are viewing the issue from a limited site. Given that almost all of our allies opposed our first-strike attack on Iraq, I would assume that an intelligent response would be to wonder why. What are the presses in France, in Canada, in Germany, in Australia saying that would make them challenge our view? Are we so arrogant that we believe the opinion of our allies is irrelevant? If virtually the entire West, with the exception of the U.K., opposes our actions, might we not be obliged to listen? If nothing else, the massive protests throughout the United States are convincing the world that we do not think monolithically here, that many of us find our country's actions as immoral and destructive as much of the rest of the world finds them.

As I left the rally, I could only think of a text my students read recently, Hannah Arendt's Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil. In analyzing Eichmann's self-defense during his trial for Nazi war crimes, Arendt, noting the defendant's repeated use of stock phrases and clichés, writes, "The longer one listened to him, the more obvious it became that his inability to speak was closely connected with an inability to think" (emphasis hers). I did not claim the pro-war faction were "ignorant dupes" because I relished mutual name-calling. I spoke out of my grief at what I saw was the complete absence of thought, at the same reliance on overused metaphors and threadbare cliches which Arendt noted in Eichmann.. Yes, Mr. Black, I agree that freedom is never free. It requires, above all, a finely educated, articulate citizenry possessed of an understanding of history and analytic thought. Hence my grief.

Sincerely,
Dr. Holly Stave
Associate Professor of English
Louisiana Scholars' College

Reader offended by last week's letter to the editor

Dear sirs

I wish to respond to a letter by Chad Black that was printed in the letters to the editor last week. My views were directly attacked by this letter (I was the one who mentioned that democracies are less stable than dictatorships) and I wish to rectify this situation.

There is obviously a fine art to misquoting someone, as Mr. Black has done. During the rally I mentioned the fact that dictatorships are more politically "stable" than democracies because of their authoritarian and repressive nature. I was using this fact to support America's legacy of "bringing freedom" to other countries. As history has noted, our actions of "bringing freedom" are often quite the opposite, as any student of recent Latin and South American history knows. In Chile, the democratically elected leader, Salvador Allende, was replaced in a coup led by the CIA by the brutal human-rights violator, Pinochet. Also, our actions in Nicaragua speak for themselves when we used money from our illegal arms sales to Iran (weren't they our enemies?) to fund the group wishing to keep the dictator Spinoza in power. All this goes to show what happens when America only looks out for our own interests. We "bring freedom" to a nation by propping up a dictatorship. I merely wished to show our previous efforts of "liberating" the people. Obviously, I never implied that I want to move to Iraq, nor did I ever say that I supported or condoned the regime of Saddam Hussein. However, I feel that he should be tried before the International Criminal Court for his human rights violations, not removed by the acts of a few nations (correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't there a law against vigilantism, that is, taking the law into your own hands?)

Now, to rebut a more general attack by Mr. Black. He claims that those of us in the Scholars' College learn nothing about real world concerns, we only learn about "tree-hugging and feathers blowing in the wind". I am currently enrolled in a class entitled "Human Rights and Global Ethics". Obviously, though, according to the enlightened views of Mr. Black, the concerns of human rights do not apply to the real world.

Mr. Black also addressed the notion that this war is not about oil. To prove his point, he claims that "you hippies do not want oil anyway". Well, Mr. Black, your attacks actually proved our point. We do not want oil, at least, we wish to reduce our dependency on it. However, the last time I checked, the hippies were not in control of either the House or the Senate, so perhaps that explains how this war could possibly be about oil.

Mr. Black, you attempt to discredit our arguments by falling back upon attacks against our character. As an elementary education in logic will show, this is the fallacy of ad hominem abusive. This means that you cannot criticize our character and assume that you have destroyed our argument. Whether or not we are hippies (and many of the anti-war protestors were not, I can assure you), does not discredit our arguments against the war. I can only assume that Mr. Black does not utilize the tools of logic, just as most (but not all) of the pro-war rallyers did not either. Mr. Black, I am backed by logic, what do you have behind you other than empty rhetoric?

Wage peace,
Matt Saye
Senior, English

'Journalist biases and witch hunts'

I would simply like to express my concern about the biased coverage of the protest that took place March 20. The reporter, Andrew David, addressed every argument by the counter-protesters, but only one point from those protesting the war: the question of international policing. He failed to point out that the protesters expressed concern for the lives of our troops, as well as civilians, and that some questioned whether and invasion on Iraq would be worthy of our soldiers' lives and talents. Other points made included an observation of the counter-protesters' logical fallacies. I was not alone in having the impression that the Current Sauce had a strong bias; this alarmed me.

Furthermore, Chad Black's erroneous and unfounded conclusions concerning Dr. Holly Stave demonstrate the problem with intolerance and witch-hunting which I addressed in a previous letter to the editor. His accusation that she is a terrorist is reminiscent of the McCarthy era, and for such a socially-damaging statement she could sue him. And, quite frankly, I was waiting for him to command the student body to break out the bonfires and burn her and her pinko students. Surprisingly, those pinkos do support our troops.

Eva De Leon
Junior, social thought and humanaties

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Healthfest 2003: 'It's grown every year'

Photo by Candice Pauley
Glamae Johnson gets a balance test from Jaylon Porter.

Over 80 exhibitors participated last Thursday in NSU's dept. of health and human performance Healthfest, which provided information on health awareness including healthy eating, sexual health and blood pressure tests.

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

What's better than entertainment and preventative health care rolled into one event? The NSU Healthfest held March 27, 2003 in Prather Coliseum.

The annual Healthfest, co-sponsored by Natchitoches Parish Hospital, was an opportunity for NSU students to get free information on health related topics as well as free screenings such as blood pressure tests, body fat percentage tests and spinal evaluations.

According to Healthfest's director Tara Galien, the event was open to people of the community as well.

Galien said that normally 2,000 people from the Natchitoches community as well as Northwestern attend this event. This year, the number was higher.

"It's grown every year," Galien said. "It used to be small, but now we're in our third year at Prather Coliseum."

This year, 80 exhibitors from Natchitoches as well as Shreveport, Alexandria and Lafayette participated in the Healthfest.

One of the exhibitors was the Philadelphia Center based in Shreveport. This exhibit offered free pamphlets about sexually transmitted diseases and free condoms.

William Cartwright is a junior secondary education major at NSU who has been doing volunteer work for the Philadelphia Center for a year and a half.

"We promote safe sex in America," Cartwright said. "We want people in to know what is going on as far as sexually transmitted diseases are concerned."

The LSU Agriculture Center also sponsored an exhibit at Healthfest with brochures from the Agriculture Center's Family and Nutrition Program for the people of Natchitoches Parish.

"Our information focuses on following the food guide pyramid, finding the number of calories you need to eat, and healthy exercise for maintaining your weight," said Lorna Atwell, an Agriculture Center representative.

The LSU Agriculture Center also provided a food guide pyramid display to show where the different foods go on the pyramid.

The Women's Resource Center also had an exhibit at the Healthfest with information on sexually transmitted diseases, prenatal development and the risks of abortion procedures. Judy Sluppick from the Crisis Pregnancy Center ran the exhibit.

"The first thing we do, we give free pregnancy tests, then we counsel. We have parenting skills information in films and brochures," Sluppick said. "We also have a post abortion support group for women who have had abortions."

The Wal-Mart vision center and pharmacy, the Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging, the Natchitoches Fire Department and many others were amongst this year's exhibitors.

The NSU tap dancers also performed at the Healthfest.

NABJ fashion show turns heads with newest Spring styles

By Kristen Dauzat
L&E Editor

The Alley in the Student Union was full of fashionable students, a large crowd and lots of entertainment on Monday night as the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) presented their first fashion show.

The show, "Foolin' Around with Fashion," presented students modeling the latest Spring fashions.

Janie Warren opened the evening, letting the audience know that this is NABJ's "first big fashion show," and they have some "great fashions for spring."

"I'm excited because this is our first major event," NABJ member LaTosha Lewis said.

There are only about 10 members in NABJ. The organization hopes that by having the show, their name will get out.

"We are hosting this event because were trying to build a name for ourselves on campus, we want to be able to say NABJ without people asking what NABJ is," Lewis said.

The show generated a crowd with around 50 people in the audience to see the production take place.

There were four categories including everyday wear, casual corner, business and dress attire, and after 5 p.m. attire.

Some of the clothing modeled were jean dresses, capri pants, striped tops, khaki pants and blouses.

Each category featured different types of dress for the specific occasion.

Men and women were allowed to model on stage to strut their stuff.

"Most of the models are NSU students," NABJ member and *Sauce* reporter Tasha Braggs said.

Hall Tree and Stage, both local clothing stores, donated clothing for the event.

Models were also allowed to wear their own clothing if they wanted to.

Photo by Amanda Breaux
Sheila Moore shows off her outfit at the NABJ "Foolin' Around with Fashion" show.

Photo by Amanda Breaux
Shea Stuart Jr. and Alicia Scott present the Ghetto Grammies Monday night in the Student Union Ballroom. The African American Caucus organized the event.

Creative and Performing Arts

Schedule of events for April 6-12, 2003

April 6 NSU Senior Recital: Cory Nichols, Percussion, Magale Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

April 7-11 NSU Senior Exhibition: Christopher Bell, graphic design, Hanchey Gallery (Downstairs)

NSU Graduate Exhibition: Wasin Vudhivai, graphic design, Hanchey Gallery (Gallery 2)

April 8-9 Northwestern Theatre presents "Angel Street," NSU Loft Theatre (2nd Floor, Room 209, Old Fine Arts Wing), 7:30 p.m.

April 10 - Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony and NSU Choirs present Mendelssohn's Elijah, Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Roast honors retiring theater professor Wann

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Theatre Department faculty and students held a roast and reception in honor of the retirement of one of their own.

Jack Wann, head of the theatre program, is retiring after this semester after 23 years of service to pursue a career in New York.

"It is great that Dr. Wann is going to start performances in New York," Rebecca Brettel, graduate of NSU and former theatre major, said.

Scott Burrell and Vicki Parrish coordinated the event.

"We wanted to create a nice blend of alumni, new NSU theatre department students, faculty, friends and family for this occasion," Burrell, associate professor of theatre, said.

The reception was held in the Hanchey Gallery from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The food for the reception was donated by theatre patrons and by Connie Jones' catering class from the Family and Consumer Sciences Department.

Sigma Alpha Iota sorority presented Wann with the organization's award of excellence.

The roast was held in the A.A. Fredrick's main stage auditorium.

The roast allowed everyone to reflect on Wann's accomplishments through song, dance and other performances.

"We appreciate great participation from the NSU theatre faculty, students and a lot of support from the Natchitoches community as a whole," Burrell said.

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Anna Clifford (right) shares her eggs with Kaitlyn Cormane (left) during the 2003 SAB sponsored easter egg hunt. The easter egg hunt was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday on the IM Fields at NSU.

Demon Decorum with KT

Drive carefully

By Katy Andres
Sauce Columnist

Everyone gripes about bad drivers.

In Louisiana, rude drivers are as common on the road as 10-year-old potholes.

Although I've gotten used to the situation, I was shocked yesterday when I saw someone honk several times at a car that had slowed to make a turn.

The turning car was not taking an extraordinary amount of time to execute the turn, and the aggressive driver was only going to Campus Corner.

Were those honks really worth the two to three seconds gained?

Obviously, an emergency demands speedy driving.

That is why emergency vehicles have sirens and flashing lights to signal their need for speed to other drivers, who should then move out of the way as quickly as possible.

If you are waiting at a red light and the driver(s) ahead of you do not see the light turn green, wait a few seconds before honking at them.

They may be using the time at a stop to safely change a CD or put on mascara and they will most likely glance at the light every few seconds.

Changing lanes irresponsibly and driving on shoulders to avoid traffic is not only unsafe, it is unnecessary.

You will probably only gain a few seconds, which is not worth the potential problems an accident may cause.

In a city such as Natchitoches where almost every street experiences periods of congestion, it is important to remember that everyone wants to get out of that traffic as much as you do.

Look around you and let in people backing out of driveways or entering from side streets.

If someone lets you in, make sure you wave to let them know you appreciate the courtesy.

Of course, wear your seat belt, don't drive intoxicated, pull over and wait for funeral processions and do all of the things your wish other drivers would do.

■ ***Katy Andres is a junior humanities major at the Louisiana Scholars' College. Her etiquette column appears weekly in the L&E section.***

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April 5th

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(Left to right) Kelli Pullen, Shereka Freeman and Joanna Daniel sing impromptu karaoke at Freshman Factor's "A Night on Broadway" Tuesday night. The variety show had vocal, piano and dancing performances.

Results of SAB's Variety Show

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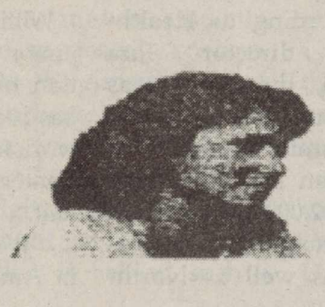

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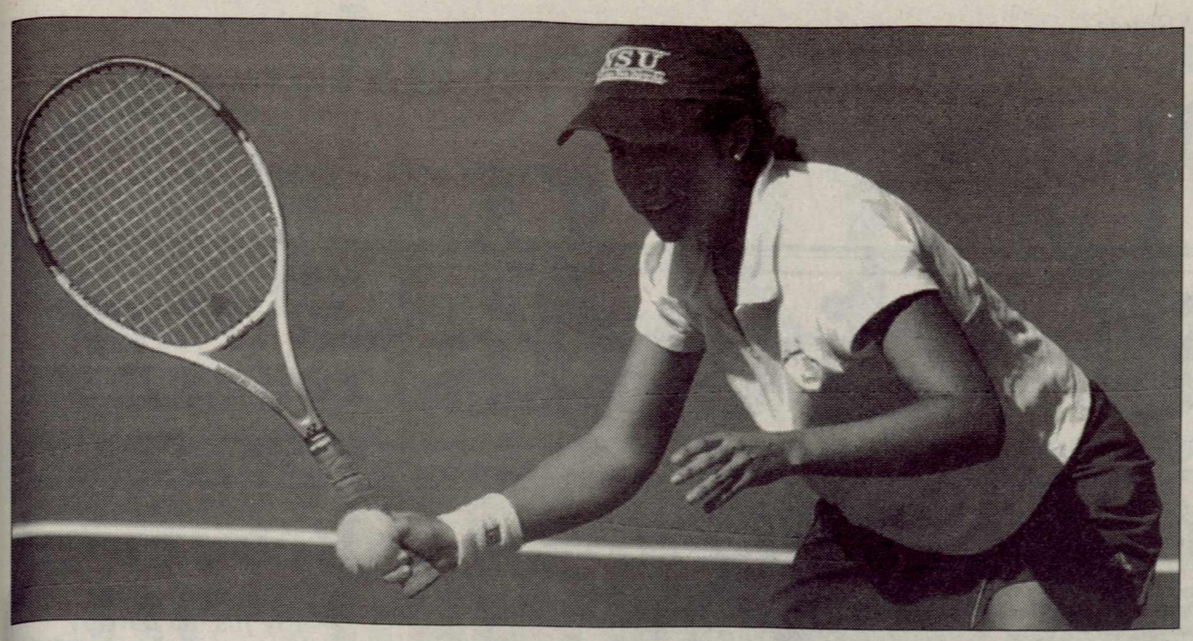

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Alex Neito returns a volley during match play. The Demons lost and won games this week.

Demons lose, win for the week

By Glenn Tillman, Jr.
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demon tennis team saw peaks and valleys in their last two matches.

The Lady Demons were squashed 7-0 by University of Texas-San Antonio on Sunday.

The loss to UTSA brings the Demon record to 4-9 overall and 3-3 in Southland Conference action.

The Demons failed to win a double or any of the six single matches. Anneline Zerwick was the only demon to win a set.

Last week's unoffical MVP Camila Prado spoke on the team performance.

"We played hard. I could have played better. I tried different tactics, but I could not come out on top," Prado said.

The team did fair better in the game against Centenary.

The Lady Demons walked over Centenary at NSU's Jack Fisher Tennis Complex in a win 6-1. NSU improved to 5-9 while Centenary fell to 5-12.

In the spirit of the win all three double teams came out on top.

The duo of Eliza Young and Katy Wallace smoked their opponents 8-3. Zerwick and Alexandra Nieto gave their opponents the same treatment as they won 8-1.

Prado and Kristen Pagels won their match by default.

In the singles the Lady Demons were nearly perfect.

Young was the only demon defeated as she fell in straight sets. However, the other demons including Zerwick, Wallace, Nieto and Prado all won in straight sets. Pagels won by default.

The Demons last game was a victory, but the next four of five opponents are conference games.

Prado said the next game is crucial for the team in terms of conference play.

"They (Sam Houston) are number two in the conference and this game is real important," Prado said.

First volley is Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex. Our Lady Demons will be in conference action against No.2 in the SLC, Sam Houston.

Tickets available for Alabama, LSU

Courtesy of Sports Information

Supplies are running low but good seats are still available for the April 8 and 9 Northwestern State baseball games against nationally-ranked programs Alabama and LSU.

The Demons, who have been ranked as high as 33rd in the nation this season, will host 20th-ranked Alabama at Brown-Stroud Field on Tuesday April 8 and 12th-ranked LSU on the following night. First pitch between the Demons and Crimson Tide will be at 7 p.m., while the LSU game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Alabama game are $6 for adults and $5 for youth and can be purchased at the NSU ticket office or by calling (318) 357-4268.

Less than 200 reserved seats are available for the LSU game for $20 and plenty of general admission seating is available for $15 each.

Both can be purchased at the ticket office or by phone as well.

Demon softball moves into third, three game series set against Nicholls

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demon softball is rolling winning 12 out of their last 16 games and moved into third place in the Southland Conference.

Northwestern State kept up its winning ways this past weekend sweeping SLC foe Southeastern in Hammond, La.

The Lady Demons swept the twin bill on Saturday 4-1 and 5-4. NSU then handed out the brooms and finished the sweep on Sunday 2-0.

The Lady Demons knocked the Lady Lions pitchers around for 30 hits in the doubleheader and never trailed by a run throughout the game. Leading the way in the first game was pitcher Loni Rasberry who struck out five while winning her fourth straight.

In the nightcap Crista Miller picked up the win by shutting down the Lady Lions in the sixth and seventh innings.

Offensively Kiana Scott, who had a monster home run in the first game, helped Northwestern State open a 4-0 lead.

Also cashing in on hits were Nicole Martin and Shay Hunt who had a total of five hits in the doubleheader. Lindsey Danzy had four singles for NSU.

On Sunday Rasberry was not finished as she threw a two hit shutout and won her fifth straight.

Rasberry struck out six and gave up only a pair of singles while facing one hitter over the minimum, as she walked no players.

In the pitching duel against SLU's Michaela Roberts, NSU got offense from one unearned run and one earned run in the seventh inning by Sarina Noack.

Northwestern State piled up a total of 38 hits in the series. The sweep helps push NSU to No. 3 behind Southwest Texas and No. 1 Texas Arlington in the SLC standings.

The Lady Demons are expecting a huge boost with the return of senior player Amanda Ortego. She has been cleared to pitch by doctors but still cannot play first base or bat. Ortego has missed seven games.

Up next for the Lady Demons is at home against Nicholls State in a three game conference series.

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The way I see it: NCAA Final Four

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The dust has settled from the elite eight and only one No. 1 seed remains: Texas.

The biggest upset of the weekend was the thumping Marquette gave Kentucky. The Golden Eagles reached the Final Four for the first time since their 1977 national title run. Marquette was led by Dwayne Wade's triple double against the Wildcats.

Only two other players have had a triple double in the big dance, Andre Miller and Irvin "Magic" Johnson.

In the West, Kansas was led by the duo of Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison past heavily favorite Arizona. The Jayhawks are the best running and passing team in the tournament. Also, Arizona's Jason Gardner missed a three with time expiring ending the Wildcats season.

Texas was able to advance past the Michigan State Spartans and reach the Final Four.

T.J. Ford will look to lead his team to a national title and hopefully some respect from the critics. Ford's ability to drive, pass and shoot gives Texas an edge and the favorite now to win the title.

The young Syracuse Orangemen used a stingy zone defense to shut down Hollis Price and Oklahoma to advance to the Final Four. Carmelo Anthony is the leader of this young team and has proven that experience is not everything. Anthony will lead his young teammates who are playing with extreme confidence.

The match ups are set for the Final Four now: Kansas vs. Marquette and Texas vs. Syracuse.

The Golden Eagles will need to shut down the fast paced Jayhawk offense of Hinrich and Collison to advance. If Hinrich does not show up then Collison could carry the load or vice versa. Wade will look to have a big game and the Golden Eagles will need Travis Diener to get hot behind the arc. Marquette hopes the magic has not ended yet and the Cinderella story continues.

In the other match up Texas will have to shut down the young Orangemen. If Syracuse shuts down T.J. Ford can Texas advance?

The Orangemen have not faced a player equal to Ford's capacity. Texas is on a mission and has great depth in the paint and has something to prove.

The Final Four is set for the Big Easy but will it be easy in New Orleans for the lone No. 1 seed?

Kansas hopes to deliver head coach Roy Williams his first national title and hopes he does not bolt for North Carolina's head coaching job.

The national title could come down to a Big 12 championship if Kansas and Texas advance. The games are set for Saturday on CBS.

New NSU Rivals

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
NSU head coach Scott Stoker watches his players train during spring training. The Demons have a few new in-sate teams to face this fall.

Tulane, SLU, ULM join schedule

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State football team's schedule for the 2003 season looks promising with six home games, five against in-state opponents.

Headlining the in-state opponents is a visit to Tulane and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. NSU has not played Tulane in 60 years and looks to build a strong in-state rivalry.

Other in-state opponents include Southland Conference foes Nicholls State and heated rival McNeese State. Southeastern Lions will resume football for the first times since 1985. SLU will play two seasons as a I-AA independent before joining the SLC in 2005.

Northwestern State's six home games include match ups against I-AA powers Jackson State and Delaware State. NSU will also play first time opponent Oklahoma Panhandle State on Family Day. The Demons will finish the season at home against Stephen F. Austin in the battle for Chief Caddo.

NSU will also travel to face Northern Iowa another I-AA powerhouse. The Demons finished last year 9-4 and lost in the first round of the playoffs. NSU will be aiming for their fifth Division I-AA playoff appearance in the past seven years and hopes the tougher schedule will help.

"We have a extremely difficult schedule especially the first couple of weeks and we will probably have some growing pains in the beginning," head coach Scott Stoker said.

One home game might be moved to Thursday night for Fox television but only one. Before the fall season kicks off NSU started spring training on March 17 and will end with the annual Joe Delaney Bowl spring game Thursday April 10.

Spring training was a bit delayed as NSU looked for a new defensive coordinator. Ex-coordinator J.C. Harper left to accept a job back home at Western Michigan University.

> *"We have a extremely difficult schedule especially the first couple of weeks..."*
>
> **-Scott Stoker**
> NSU head coach

The new defensive coordinator is Brad Laird, the school's career passing leader. Laird was named linebacker coach to go with defensive coordinator. Jason Rollins will also be making his Demon debut this season as he replaces Kyle Acosta as secondary coach.

The Demons will have 37 letter winners returning and 11 offensive and defensive starters, along with both specialists.

Northwestern State is looking for big impacts from newcomers on defense. This includes linebackers Jamal Johnson and Buddy Garrett with defensive backs Bryan Golden, Tavorious Reed, and defensive linemen John Black and Lance Elmore. The newcomers will look to fit in Laird's new defensive scheme this spring.

"We can run on defense, but we are young and need to adapt defensively," Stoker said.

Offensively Stoker will be looking for a new quarterback. Fighting for the role of QB is red shirt freshman Ryan Lewis and sophomore Gerard Barrow. Also vying for a spot is Dayne Ashley, a Tulane transfer who is a former star of Jena High School.

The new quarterback will have help with returning starters Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson. Also returning are starting wide receivers Toby Zeigler, Marcus Gatlin, Prentis West and Cory Bell all had big impacts last season.

"On offense we have two true freshman on the line and we are breaking in a new quarterback," Stoker said. "We need to find our identity on offense and need to gel as a team."

Kicker Tommy Hebert and punter Chris Stegall are back as well and will help tremendously on special teams.

Up next besides the Joe Delaney Bowl are extended intrasquad scrimmages on Saturday March 29 at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday April 6 at 2:30 p.m.

"We are taking strides and hopefully we will be ready for August practices," Stoker said. "We are a little behind but things are progressing good."

Baseball rolls through San Antonio, Southern

Big match-up with Tide and Tigers on horizon for Gaspard's squad

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

This week the Demon baseball team increased their record to 21-10 as they took two out of three from the University of Texas-San Antonio and swept Texas Southern.

The Demons came on strong against the Roadrunners during Saturday's doubleheader taking both games in ninth inning comebacks.

In the first game the Demons had trouble at bat as they allowed the Roadrunners to go up 3-1 by the ninth inning. In the bottom of the ninth the Demons fought back with Josh Boop, Michael Palermo, Steven Adams and Anatole Vincent taking advantage of UTSA's pitching winning the game 3-4.

Game two of the doubleheader was difficult for both teams as there was no score until the Demon's one run-sixth inning.

After UTSA tied the game 1-1 in the top of the ninth, Brian Hobbs scored the game's winning run.

In the third and final game on Sunday the Demons found themselves in the hardest position of the week.

By the sixth inning with a 3-2 score, the Roadrunners were down by only one run.

In the final three innings the Demons scored only two runs while letting five go to the Roadrunners and giving up the game 5-7.

On Tuesday the Demons redeemed themselves as they swept Texas Southern in a make-up doubleheader.

Texas Southern took the lead against the Demons 4-3 by the fourth inning of game one, but could not hold them.

Demon pitcher Cory Keener held the Tigers defensively while the batters took care of the rest. RBIs in the eighth and ninth innings by Adams and Tigger Lyles helped win the game 4-5.

The Demons excelled all around in game two as they took the Tigers 1-14.

Pitchers Clayton Turner, Mike Breaux, and Eric Broaddus performed well in the game striking out a combined 10 Tigers and allowing only one run and three hits in 27 total batters faced.

In the final four innings the Demons scored 10 runs. Scoring by Vicent, Brian Morgan and Andre Vige brought in three in the fourth and Will Junkin's debut appearance in the fifth inning brought in one of the innings two runs.

Later in the sixth inning the Demons took a much larger lead scoring five runs in that inning alone.

Tigger Lyles' two-run double and Barbier and Junkin's RBI singles aided in those runs and the win.

Next week the Demons play three games against Lamar University as well as two against University of Alabama on Tuesday and Louisiana State University on Wednesday.

Tickets are still on sale for those games at the athletic ticket office in the Fieldhouse. Students may pick up one free ticket for each game Vic's today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Fieldhouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Casey Johnson started off the Demon's weekend series against the Roadrunners.

Track takes nine wins in Beaumont

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

Through cold and windy weather NSU's track team took nine competition wins at Lamar University's 42nd Annual Exxon Mobile Ty Terrell Relays last Saturday.

"It was pleasing to see them work better," women's coach Dean Johnson said of the teams' wins, "We did so well because of quality performances."

Women's jumper Jacqueline Canton won two of those nine competitions. Canton won the women's triple jump with a jump of 40 feet 9 3/4 inches passing regional qualifying standards for the second week straight. She also took the women's high jump with a 5 foot 4 inch jump.

Also in the winner's circle for NSU was junior Brittany Littlejohn who earned the Southland Conference Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week award while posting a personal meet record of 13.62 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. Littlejohn is the current is the SLC Outdoor 100 meter hurdles champion.

For the men's team, Latrell Frederick and Terry Gatson returned to competition Saturday.

Coming off of a hamstring injury, Gatson helped bring in two wins including the 800-meter and the 4x400 relay.

Men's jumpers Cedric Scott and Shannon Joshua also turned in wins. Scott took the men's high jump with a 6 foot 4 inch jump while Joshua took the men's long jump jumping 22 feet 11 1/4 inches.

Throwing for NSU, William Budro took first place in the discus throw with a distance of 148 feet 2 inches while Shane Curlee won the men's javelin with a distance of 197 feet 4 inches.

"They did well for the amount of work they did last week, but reduced the work load this week to prepare for our next competition," Johnson said.

Today the Demon track team traveled to Austin, Texas for the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.

"That is a high quality meet," Johnson said, "To get in you have to be pretty good."

Today through Saturday the Demons will compete against top ranked schools like the University of Texas, Wichita State University, and the University of Oregon. Though the competition will be tough, Johnson is confident the teams will do well.

"Everyone we are bringing has the ability to compete well against those schools," Johnson said.

According to Johnson the outcome of the Texas Relays may be interesting as he called them a preview for the National Championships.

Congratulations to Brittany Littlejohn who earned SLC Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week .

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Car accident claims life of NSU student

Research Methods 4040 was the class Tassi Long and Luke Campbell carpooled to on Wednesday nights, but this week the empty seat was too much for them.

After a few minutes, they both left NSU with tear-swollen eyes to make the hour-long drive back to Alexandria without their friend and classmate Glen DeVanie.

By Glenn Ward
Sauce Reporter

"I didn't cry this much when my father died," said Long, 23, about DeVanie, who was killed in a car crash in Alexandria on April 2.

"He called me up Tuesday night and we talked about school," Long said. "We were going to do a crawfish boil the day after graduation together. We were going to invite everyone over—he was so excited."

> ***"His face glowed when he smiled—he was like Superman, but you would never know from talking to him because he never showed it. He was humble."***
>
> **–Shanti Odum**
> Classmate of accident victim

Fatal accident happened on duty, weeks before graduation

DeVanie, also an Alexandria deputy city marshal, was on duty on the day of his death, driving south on La. 1 to support another officer.

Alexandria's *The Town Talk* reported that when he approached an intersection, it appeared DeVanie swerved to avoid collision with another vehicle and lost control of his. The accident is still under investigation by Alexandria police.

The last conversation Long had with DeVanie was the night before his accident.

"He told me he could have never finished school without my help," Long said, almost in tears. "He said 'Graduation day will be our day'."

Long's class notes were in DeVanie's vehicle when he crashed.

DeVanie's vehicle slid into a ditch, then hit a culvert and a utility pole, reported *The Town Talk*. He died instantly.

DeVanie a husband and father of two children, would have graduated in May.

Long met DeVanie, 25, at LSU's Alexandria campus, where they were studying law enforcement with Shanti Odum.

"We got together and did group projects," Odum said of her study group. "His face glowed when he smiled—

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Photo courtesy of Tassi Long
Glen DeVanie is pictured with a friend's dog, Sampson, in this April 2001 photograph. DeVanie, who was an Alexandria deputy city marshal and NSU senior criminal justice major, died after an on-duty car accident on April 2. He was a month away from graduating.

Sex host rejects NSU, says trip could be illegal

- *Senators to discuss possible replacement speakers today*
- *SAB, SGA bylaw election results released; student turnout less than 30 percent*

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The SGA announced Monday night that sex talk show host Sue Johanson had declined her invitation to be this fall's distinguished lecturer.

SGA Academic Affairs Department head Mindy McConnell informed the senate that Johanson's organization told her that parts of Johanson's lecture could violate Louisiana's anti-sodomy laws.

The senate had voted to invite the famed and controversial sex talk show host at their March 31 meeting despite a debate.

McConnell said she would hold a meeting today at 2 p.m. to discuss possible replacements.

The senate approved the allocation of $200 for the purchase of plaques to reward distinguished members at the end of the year.

Speaker of the Senate Greg Comeaux explained that outgoing President Stacie Cosby, Vice President Jen Jensen, Treasurer Dustin Matthews and possibly Comeaux would receive plaques in honor of their year of service.

Plaques will also be handed out to the senator of the year, commissioner of the year and new senator of the year, which have not yet been decided.

Senator Scott Manguno protested the amount of money being spent on the plaques. He and two other senators voted against the motion to approve the money but were unable to defeat it.

Comeaux and Manguno are president- and vice president-elect of the SGA for the next academic year.

The senate also voted to allocate $350 for their end of the year banquet.

Comeaux explained that this banquet was a formal event where the new executive officers of the SGA would be sworn in.

Also invited to the event were senators, former executive officers, Media Board appointees and several members of the faculty, including University President Randall Webb and Vice President Dan Seymour.

The SGA allocated $10 per anticipated guest.

Comeaux explained that both allocations made at Monday's meetings were meant to be overestimates of the actual cost. If any money is left over after the purchases it will be returned to the SGA fund.

The SGA also announced spring election results (see sidebar, page 2). A run-off election for the 10th SAB seat started Wednesday and con-

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See *SGA*

Louisiana Technical College student shot, killed during classes in Natchitoches

- *Victim was Natchitoches resident; alleged shooter arrested and charged with first degree murder*

By Glenn Ward
Sauce Reporter

Classes are scheduled to restart today at the Natchitoches campus of Louisiana Technical College for the first time since Monday afternoon, when a student was fatally shot and another wounded by bullet fragments.

City officials said that at about 11:30 a.m. a student walked into a classroom at the LTC and fired five shots.

Coleman

Calvin Joseph Coleman, 22, of Clarence was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder, carrying a firearm in a firearm-free zone and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Terome Silvie, 32 of Natchitoches, was pronounced dead at the scene. Another student, John Richardson, suffered a minor wound to the leg from bullet fragments, *The Town Talk* reported. Richardson was brought to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Natchitoches Police Chief Ralf Peters said Coleman was a registered student but had not attended classes in several weeks, nor was he a member of the class where the shooting took place, reported the *Natchitoches Times*.

Peters said the shooting was not a random act, and Silvie was the intended target. However, as of press time, a motive had not yet been determined.

The *Natchitoches Times* reported that the state corrections office said Silvie was paroled in March 2002 after serving just under seven years of a 20-year prison sentence for attempted manslaughter.

Peters said Coleman jumped into a vehicle after the shooting and left with another person. However, the driver was not identified or charged as of press time.

Wellness Center Watch

A quick look at work on the campus' new intramural complex

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Workers clear debris from an Intramural building room Wednesday afternoon to prepare for its renovation.

NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
75°/45°	77°/49°	80°/53°
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

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New theater chief chosen

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The Creative and Performing Arts Department has selected a new head of the theater department.

Roger Held, former theater director and department head at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, is scheduled to begin the position at NSU on July 1.

Held will be replacing the current theater department head Jack Wann, who is retiring after this semester to pursue a professional career in New York.

"He (Held) has extensive administrative qualification," Creative and Performing Arts Director Bill Brent said. "He is easy to work with and the faculty felt he could carry the program forward after Dr. Wann."

Brent said that there were 43 applicants, but only four were invited to the campus. The candidates were allowed a 30-minute session for questions and were able to teach a theater class.

Brent said that Held taught directing, play writing, management and acting while at ULM. He founded the Paper Moon Summer Theatre and worked to raise funds for scholarships, production and academic programs.

Held also created the George Brian Scholarship Fund at ULM for theater development and renovation funds.

Brent said Held has a bachelor of art degree from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio, and a Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

"He has great knowledge of the theater," Vicki Parrish, associate professor of theatre, said. "He has a lot of creative ideas for fundraising and is very sincere."

"He was extremely personable and very witty," Levi Petree, a junior theater major and *Sauce* reporter, said. "You could tell he really wanted the job because he was familiar with the department's accomplishments, and I believe he is going to do a good job."

Police investigate parking lot robbery

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Police are still searching for an unknown man who may have robbed someone in the Brookshire's parking lot Monday night.

The attack was at the supermarket location near the Natchitoches Hwy. 1 bypass.

Victim Gabriel Jones reported the incident at 11:45 p.m. Monday night, describing the attacker as a black male who robbed him while walking towards his car.

Jones said the man pointed a .38 caliber pistol at him and demanded his wallet.

Jones turned over his wallet, which contained $7, and the man fled the scene.

As of press time neither Chris Stanfield, the Natchitoches Police Department's public relations spokesperson, nor Chris Cedars, the manager on duty the night of the robbery, were able to provide an official comment from their employers.

Nighttime safety tips

- **If possible, walk in pairs or groups** to you or your friend's vehicle.
- **Don't think that the darkness will cloak you** from a potential criminal threat. Park in a well-lit area–that's what the lights are there for.
- **Have your keys in hand.** This will make for a quicker entry into your car. Do not, however, try use your keys as a weapon.
- **Ask the police for an escort.** Call the Natchitoches Police Department at 352-8101 for an escort while in the city. If on campus, call the NSU police department at 357-5431 for the same service. Both offer escorts free of charge.

IM renovation-related power outage cuts Blackboard, campus Internet access

By Brandi Boudreaux
Sauce Reporter

On March 28 and 29, students faced problems accessing Blackboard and a two-hour power outage on campus.

"The power outage occurred because a temporary air conditioner needed to be installed behind Roy Hall," Systems Administrator Tim Chadbourne said.

Water lines for air conditioners run from Roy Hall behind the IM building to St. Denis Hall. A portion of the water lines is located where the new basement for the IM building is being built. The pipes needed to be cut so the basement can begin construction.

The power outage caused NSU online class services such as Blackboard and NSU Internet service provider LANET to become unavailable. Blackboard became available after the power outage.

However, the NSU Domain Name Service (DNS) brought users to the former Blackboard system.

A link was then provided to the correct Blackboard where students and faculty were directed to the old system. Periodically, problems with LANET occurred during the Blackboard dilemma.

However, the problems were fixed and students were able to continue with accomplishing tasks on NSU's Website and throughout the campus.

Sauce wins at state, regional press conferences

From Staff Reports

The *Current Sauce* and members of its staff won several awards in statewide competition Saturday in Monroe.

Staff members also won awards at a March regional conference in Arkansas.

The Louisiana Press Association awarded the *Sauce* an Honorable Mention in General Excellence. LSU's *The Reveille* won first, Louisiana Tech's *Tech Times* won second, and Southern's *The Digest* won third.

News Editor Garrett Guillotte won second place for best news or general feature story for his memorial piece on late former *Sauce* editor in chief Rondray Hill.

Former photo editor Glenn Ward won second place for best news or general feature photograph for a picture in the Sept. 11 one-year memorial story.

Guillotte also won first place for best staff-produced black-and-white advertisement smaller than 1/2-page. The advertisement was for Dominic's restaurant.

In March, Guillotte won first place for In-Depth Reporting at the Society of Professional Journalists Region 12 competition, which included student newspapers from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and western Kentucky. Guillotte won the award for his coverage of October's audit report.

Former *Sauce* Chief Writer Callie Reames won third place in Feature Writing at the Arkansas competition for her Sept. 11 one-year memorial story.

DeVanie

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he was like Superman, but you would never know from talking to him because he never showed it. He was humble."

"He was an average student," Long said with a laugh. "Without a group effort, he probably wouldn't have gotten as far as he did."

Luke Campbell, 24, had been friends with DeVanie since eighth grade and also met Odum, 22, and Long at LSU's Alexandria.

"There's so much to say about him, it's tough to narrow it down to just one thing," Campbell said.

DeVanie, Long, Odum and Campbell were all non-traditional, senior criminal justice majors who carpooled from Alexandria to take classes at NSU. When one was absent, the others would share notes. When a test was coming up, they would quiz each other.

"Each of us would take a chapter to take notes, and Glen would type it up and e-mail it to us," Odum said.

Relationships, life's impact went beyond classroom

The four were study partners, but their relationship was deeper than just scholastics.

"He and his wife gave me a place to live when I got a divorce," Long said. "We did everything together."

> *"It's a shame, a waste. But we can't question this. He was so happy, I certainly will never forget him."*
>
> –Ashraf Esmail
> Professor of accident victim

"When he moved into the neighborhood, he went all through the streets looking for the elderly so he could mow their yards for free," Long said. "That's the kind of person he was."

Campbell echoed the group's memories of DeVanie as a philanthropist.

"I don't think he realized how much he affected people," Campbell said.

DeVanie was taking 21 credit hours of class, worked full-time as a Deputy Marshal, was active in the Boy Scouts, owned and operated a lawn mowing business with over 100 yards, owned several rent homes, owned various snow cone stands, and participated in numerous community organizations.

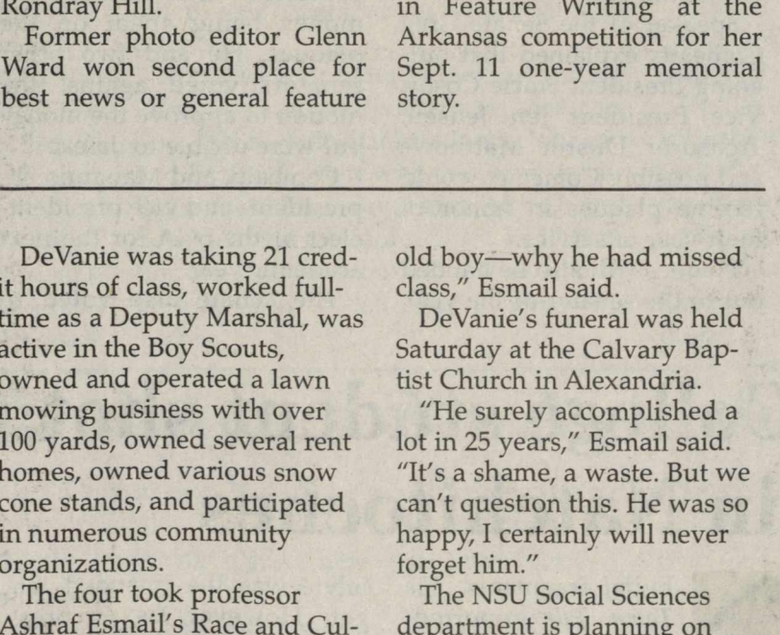
The four took professor Ashraf Esmail's Race and Culture class last semester, and were taking his Research Methods class this semester.

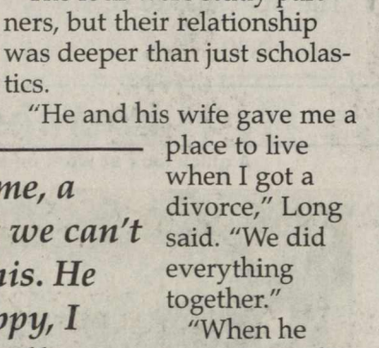
"The last conversation we had was about his three-week-old boy—why he had missed class," Esmail said.

DeVanie's funeral was held Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria.

"He surely accomplished a lot in 25 years," Esmail said. "It's a shame, a waste. But we can't question this. He was so happy, I certainly will never forget him."

The NSU Social Sciences department is planning on awarding DeVanie's wife his degree, and at the ceremony, several students will wear blue ribbons in honor of their fallen classmate.





CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Financial Aid

May 1 is the priority deadline for all students to complete and turn in financial aid papers to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Students interested in applying for financial aid, including College Work Study Program student employees, need to complete a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

College work study is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Students can complete the form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For more information, call 357-5961 or go to Roy Hall Room 103.

Self Defense for Women

Natchitoches Police Officer Jenny Parker has scheduled Rape Aggression Defense Systems classes for Monday and Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. each day.

The class, which covers awareness, prevention and basic hands-on defense, is open to women of any age and physical ability, and mother/daughter teams are welcome. Minors will need parental consent.

Reserve a spot at the Natchitoches Police Department or call 352-8101 or 357-2239 for Officer Jenny Parker or Rebeka Borders. Walk-ins are accepted with available spots. A $5 materials fee is due at the class.

Spring Athletes' Dinner with the Demons

On April 23 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the 3rd Annual Dinner with the Demons will host activities featuring coaches and players of spring athletic teams.

There will be music, barbeque hamburgers, door prizes, bungee basketball, speed pitch and freaky photos.

The Dinner is scheduled for the front of the Student Union, or the Union's Ballroom in case of rain.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Senate and Supreme Court appointment applications are available in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information, call Greg Comeaux at 357-4501.

Northwestern Environmental Organization

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sundays at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Please include your name and contact information.

POLICE BLOTTER

The *Sauce* did not record the blotter this week. For information on campus crime, or to report crime, call University Police at 357-5431.

SGA

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tinues through today between Josh Couvillion, Derrick Fletcher and Richard Lynch.

The students also voted to approve both SGA constitutional amendments.

Only 222 students voted in last week's election. More than 6,000 students were eligible to vote for the Natchitoches campus elections, making overall turnout less than 27 percent.

SGA meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. Interested students are invited to attend.

Student Activities Board Representatives-at-large
Nealy Beach
Carrie Beth Burns
Brooke Courtney
Mia Guillory
Thorn Lacaze
Allison Landry
Jessica Lee
Andrea Pang
Sarah Yankowski

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REPORTS OF ARMY SIGHTINGS IN YOUR AREA

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On Tuesdays, the United States Army will be at the student activity center. Come check out the Army recruiting table. And learn about over 180 ways you can become AN ARMY OF ONE.

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University buys campus police futuristic scooter

By Levi Petree
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Campus Police officers have a new vehicle to fight crime with, and it's not Car 54.

The University purchased a new Segway HT, which stands for human transporter, for the campus police.

The transporter stands at about six feet tall and resembles a Stairmaster exercise machine. It has a speed of up to 12.5 miles per hour and moves by simply leaning forward or backward.

The transporter cost the President's Office $6,000. Right now, it is the only one of its kind on campus, but NSU Police Chief Ricky Williams hopes to get more.

"Right now it's being used mostly for special events and it's used to patrol places that would normally be patrolled on foot," Williams said. "We try to keep it off of any uneven surfaces. In fact, I'd be a little leery of using it in our area."

In order to use it, the officers must first train with the vehicle. So far, NSU has three officers who have gone through the training.

Williams said the trickiest part of riding the Segway HT is simply getting on it.

"You can't just get on and try to balance it because it will throw you off," Williams said. "We've already had one officer who got thrown off. When he got on that thing it looked like he was fighting a grizzly bear."

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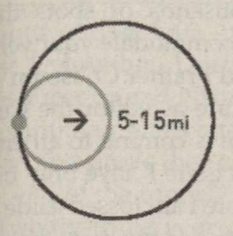
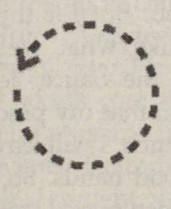
—Ricky Williams
Campus police chief

Photo courtesy Segway.com
Models demonstrate the dimensions of a Segway Human Transporter in this undated press kit photo. The University recently bought one of the $6,000 electric vehicles for the Campus Police department.

Segway Stats

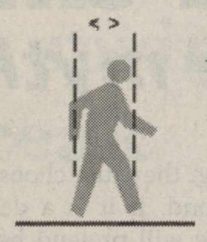


The Segway has a 15-mile maximum range, but NSU's hilly campus will probably limit it to a 10-mile operational range.



Segway HTs have a zero-degree turning radius, which means they can turn exactly in place.

A Segway can carry a passenger weighing up to 250 pounds while weighing about 90 pounds.



The Segway lifts a person up eight inches from the ground and takes up less than two square feet of ground space.

Sources: Segway.com, Campus Police

SGA Minutes April 7, 2003

Call to Order at 7:04

Present:
Chad Black
Amanda Breaux
Gregory Comeaux
Andy Dye
Keith Gates
Mindy McConnell
Kelli Miller
Scott Manguno
Casey Ponder
Josh Stelly
Alan Sypert

Absent:
Kayla Brossett
Rachel Murry
Zach Pulliam

Chad Black moves to approve minutes of last meeting.
Scott Manguno seconds motion.
Motion Passes.

Treasurer's Report: Dustin Matthews Absent

VP Report: Jennifer Jensen No Report

President Report: Stacie Cosby: The temporary committee for the "One Card" system me today and decided on a name for the card which is "Speed Demon". April 13 – April 14, this weekend at 1 p.m. will be the Council of Student Body Presidents at ULL. The weekend will be a lot of fun and very informational. The council will also meet on the compliance with state law "loop-holes". There was an advisor meeting to discuss the 3% tuition increase. This will help with the operating budget and there is talk that there be will a decrease in approvals for funding for the state. A $150 fee is possibly in the works to alleviate the stress on the budget and whether it will be temporary or not is still in question. There is a chance this fee will be approved. Student Technology has a surplus from the budget and will be open to suggestions on ways to use this money. Mr. Henry asked Stacie to check on if the Power point station could be returned because it is too much, the station only needs the projector and a laptop. The end of the year banquet food will be chicken.

Academic Affairs: Mindy McConnell: Sue Johansen will not be able to come to speak. The correspondent that Mindy was talking with notified her that the Louisiana sodomy laws would not allow her to speak in this state. This Thursday at 2:00, the committee will meet to choose another speaker. All are welcome.

External Affairs: Amanda Breaux: Run- Off signs were made today. Josh Green was contacted about photography.

Fiscal Affairs: Dustin Matthews: No report

Internal Affairs: Greg Comeaux: One hour working the polls for run-offs is required for every senator. The run-offs will be from 8:00 to 4:30 Wednesday and Thursday. Next week we will be voting on Speaker and Commissioners, so start campaigning. Internal Affairs meeting this week will be moved to Thursday at 4:00 and there is big business to take care of.

Student Affairs: Andy Dye: Run-Off Ballot were made today

Advisors Report: Mr. Henry: The old IM building is being destroyed and once that is finished, they will begin the real work. Wellness Center Director resumes are coming in and the interviews will start in May. The job will possibly start in June. There is a committee that is in charge of choosing the Wellness Center Director and SGA will have a representative on the committee.

Graduate Assistant Report: Justin Owens: no report

SAB Report: Andy Dye: no report

Supreme Court: Sharmyn Little: Please do not tell people at the polls whom to vote for.

Unfinished Business
Greg Comeaux: There is a run-off for senator of the year between Scott Manguno and Casey Ponder. There was also a run-off for Commissioner of the year between Greg Comeaux, Mindy McConnell and Amanda Breaux. Please pass up the ballots and the winner will be announced at the end of the year banquet. Stacie Cosby announces senator of the month for February and March. Stacie congratulated to Andy Dye for February and Rachel Murray for March.

New Business
Alan Sypert reads Bill SP03-021. Amanda Breaux moves to approve Bill SP03-014. Chad Black seconds the motion. Discussion. Roll call vote. Motion passes 11-0-0.

Scott Manguno move to approve Andrew David and Dominique Irving to the Media Board. Kelli Miller seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passes 11-0-0.

Casey Ponder moves to approve the use of $200 for the end of the year awards and plaques. Andy Dye seconds the motion. Roll call vote Motion passes 9-3-0.

Mindy McConnell moves to approve the use of $300 for the end of the year banquet. Amanda Breaux seconds the motion. Discussion Motion passes.

Announcements
Mr. Henry thanked Kelli Miller and Scott Manguno for working traffic appeals. Andy Dye thanks the Senate for working the polls. Do not forget about the baseball games this week, NSU will play Alabama and LSU .

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34.

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You cannot please everyone

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

Somewhere between my entrance into college and now, something has clicked. This week my eyes have been opened to truths that surround a 22-year-old NSU student. I have been to the lap of knowledge for absorption of information and returned a better-educated man. I just want to know what took so long for me to understand. Sharing my findings with you sounds like a great idea and it's free. Please bear with me.

Firstly, I have confirmed that as an editor I cannot please everyone, sometimes not even my staff. It just does not work. If you try to fight for the students, you upset the faculty. If you do something for the CSO, then the BCM and the Foundation question your media coverage. The late Rondray Hill was right, I never thought that being the editor of a college newspaper could be so hard.

Secondly, my German may be off, but does the word Aramark translate to "food Nazi?" Okay, so I may have never had any German, but it's not hard to see how it could translate. For four years now I have had a steady diet of wraps because I have been too afraid to eat anything else Aramark prepares for us. Is there a need to raise prices to gain profit from what we consume?

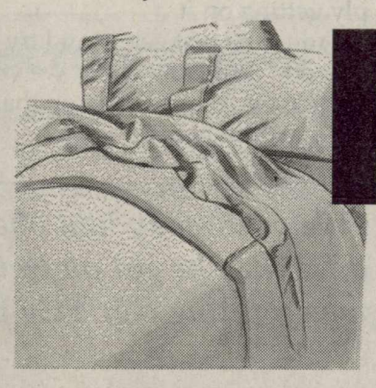
Thirdly, satire is not always the best way to tackle serious topics. Students and faculty do not like it when you suggest having a campus sniper alleviate problems, nor do they like it when you harass talk show hosts and local celebrities. This was a hard pill for me to swallow, but one of my mentors was right when she said satire was hard to do especially when it is not presented logically.

Then there is the University Police department and their latest financial venture, which really doesn't make sense. The Segway, the personal transport vehicle you may have seen the NSU's finest riding through campus, can be purchased on Amazon.com for $4,950. One must ask if this amount of money is worth someone's health? Is walking around campus just too much for our officers? There have already been reports of officers sent to the hospital because of injuries inflicted by the motorized scooter. How many more have to suffer before the Segway is banned from campus? Isn't there anything else we can spend money on? The next investment should probably be a treadmill.

Finally, there is no parking problem on campus. However, as one of my professors/friends put it, there is a proximity problem. If you students had it your way, you would be able to park your car the classrooms; unfortunately this is physically impossible. Students who live in the Columns should not drive to class. The walk is not that far. For those of you who cannot find a place to park around the academic halls, there thousands of spots that would accommodate your vehicle around Prather Coliseum.

My tenure as editor the Current Sauce is coming to an end. After this issue I have only one more before I am tossed aside to make room for the next "boss." This may come as a relief to some of you. But for those of you who like what we have done with the Sauce, let me reassure you that my predecessor is no slouch. I will leave the paper in good hands. So, until next week faculty and students, have a great spring break.

■ **EDITOR'S NOTE:**
Due to the extensive amount of news space the *Current Sauce* has allotted for letters to the editor about war protest, letters to the editor dealing with this topic can be found on the Web site at www.currentsauce.com. We appreciate all of your letters and feedback and apologize for the inconvenience.



Pillow Talk

Unveiling the myths

By Jessica Cramer
Sauce Columnist

There is a dynamic between men and women that scientists and single people have been trying to understand for centuries. Men don't understand women, and that is okay. Women don't understand men, and let's face it, we probably never will.

Women are mysterious creatures. There is something vague and indeterminate about their personalities. This is what attracts men to women in the first place. Men have these assumptions about women, and fellas, I hate to tell you this, but you're wrong about most of them.

Myth No. 1: Women like "bad boys." Yes, I will admit, bad boys are interesting and challenging because they are unpredictable. However, when a woman is ready to seriously commit to a long-term relationship, she will most likely choose someone who is sweet and reliable.

Myth No. 2: Women are materialistic. Sometimes we are, but the roses and chocolate and jewelry get old. We just want to know that you care about us. Gifts are a token of that expression. But, it does not have to be flashy and gilded. It could be something as simple as a daisy wrapped in a napkin that you picked just because it made you think of her. There are those women out there who just want your money. Hint for spotting them: They will always ask you what kind of car you drive.

Myth No. 3: Women like aggressive men. We like a man who knows what he wants and has the confidence to ask for it, but we also respect a man who knows when to stop asking. When you continue to ask us out and we continue to tell you to get lost, we are NOT playing hard to get and if you continue to persist, you might get slapped...with a restraining order.

That should clear up a few common misconceptions men may have about women. Now, ladies, I know you read Cosmopolitan like it is the gospel, I do too, but they have yet to clear up some of the misconceptions we have about men.

Myth No. 1: Men are afraid of commitment. That is a baldface lie. Men are just not as commitment happy as women. They are more careful with their emotions that women are. Women wear their emotions on their sleeves and will commit before they are certain that it is love. Me must be absolutely sure that it is the real thing before they will engage in a long-term affair.

Myth No. 2: Men do not listen. This is sometimes true. Most often, however, they are listening, they just choose not to respond. If it is a delicate issue, he will pretend he didn't hear you to avoid having to answer the question. However, if he is engaged in another activity, such as watching television or playing video games, he doesn't even know you're talking, so you can't rally say he wasn't listening. Men are inherently incapable of multitasking, and should not be punished for this genetic disorder.

Myth No. 3: Men like it when women play hard to get. This is true to a point. For both sexes, the thing you want most is that which you cannot have. However, after a bit, the game gets old and you no longer want the object of your desire. Women have to know when to make themselves accessible or men will tire of the chase and chase something easier to catch; herein lies their obsession with slutty women.

What is really boils down to is that man or woman, gay or straight, being in a relationship is like putting your clothes on inside out and your shoes on the wrong feet every day. But it's a growing experience. You must learn to communicate with your partner. Help each other to adjust to coupledom and you are much less likely want to kill each other after the first month.

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Letters to the Editor

Closing down Caspari still 'ass'

I have been quoted twice this semester. Neither of them, admittedly, sounded as if I were very intelligent, but I do believe in what I say and would like to let it be known that I am moderately intelligent. On regards to Adam Parker's article "NSU: Where the students come first?", I would like to thank him for carrying along the beliefs of most all of the residents of Caspari.

I have gone to NSU since '99, so that makes me sort of an O.G. so to speak. Am I a senior...not that far away. Will I graduate soon....with a miracle. Do I really feel bad about being here this long...ya, it bothers me, but I don't lose sleep. I have lived two and a half of my years here in Caspari. I have lived with roommates and without, but the environment of Caspari is what makes this building such a great place to reside. In my time here, besides the one incident of utter stupidity, there have never been problems here. It is a small community where most people know everyone else, if not just being on simple speaking terms. I have made many a life long friend here and would not take my time back here for anything. Caspari offers what all college students want the most, freedom with simple, non-overcomplicated rules. We understand that we have restrictions, which in all honesty are few and far between, but we for the most part abide by these. We respect them as do we, yet again, for the most part, respect our neighbors and fellow "dormies".

Ok, as for closing down Caspari so that the facility of NSU can "have better working conditions", I think the is, as I was quoted earlier in the semester, is ass. I admit that most of these people don't have enormous offices, some being the size of a storage closet. I do understand this, and I do respect there need for more offices or bigger offices, or whatever the case might be. But do I believe in them taking away the homestead of students, some staying there for almost 3 years now, no. As long as I have attended this school, I have paid for and IM that has in 4 years, closed, had dirt flipped in front of it, and now had a very nice, red neck worthy cyclone fence tossed up in front of it. Well, now that I know that I and many, many other have put thousands upon thousands of dollars for a high quality, Ace hardware fencing...well that makes it all right. If they have the time to do nothing with this..what is the guarantee that even after the "relocate" us to other dorms..that they will have anything done with Caspari any time soon. Will they still be working on it come time for me to graduate from Graduate school?

Of all the things that have gone on with NSU, I have for the most part, sat back and taken it let it slide. I feel the day they try to almost take the place I reside, move me to dorms (which include the following lovely residence: Rapides [not gonna happen bud], Sabine [could be worse], Bossier [never even been in the building], and on a really good day Boozman [most likely there will be no integration there]) that house very few upper classmen. I feel that we are being robbed without our consent or even wanting to know what we think about. My question, when do we get to come in and say something..when we move in to the new dorms, if we do choose to return? I am guessing that is when we come first.....

Crickett Martin
Junior psychology major

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Crossroads: Life after graduation

By Brandi Boudreaux
Sauce Reporter

Four spring 2003 graduates, Jake Delcambre, Dusty Suqua, Wes Breeden and Nike Castelin explain their plans after graduation and prove there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Twenty-three-year-old Delcambre is currently working on his internship in Dallas at Baylor Tom Landry Medical Research Center. He is working in the sports care department where he assists trainers in athletic events. Delcambre, a five year NSU student, will be graduating with a bachelor's in health and exercise science.

"I will be going to the United States Sports Academy in Alabama this June to receive my master's in sports management," Delcambre said.

After graduate school he hopes to pursue his career in Dallas.

Suqua will graduate with a bachelor's degree in anthropology along with a minor in history. He works for the National Park Service in Natchitoches and hopes to further his experiences with the Park Service after graduation. He plans to work as a curator trainee and will create inventory on artifacts from plantation and other historical areas along the Cane River.

"I am hoping to attend either Samford University or Mississippi College to earn a degree in either business or law."

-Wes Breeden
Senior business major

After taking a yearlong break from school to gain experience within the field, he plans to pursue his master's degree at NSU.

Breeden has several options from which he can choose when regarding his future plans. He is a business administration major with a minor in marketing.

"I am hoping to attend either Samford University or Mississippi College to earn a degree in either business or law," Breeden said.

However, he is also considering working in the sales department for insurance or pharmaceutical company, or possibly a personal assistant to the mayor in Baton Rouge.

Castelin, a New Orleans native, is receiving his major in criminal justice and his minor in sociology. He plans to move to Dallas to pursue a career in law enforcement.

"I hope to work with the Immigration Naturalization Service within a few years," Castelin said.

These graduates are now closing the doors of one life to open the doors of another. They prove that hard work and determination can bring you to the light at the end of the tunnel.

Students take part in spring break

By Brandi Boudreaux
Sauce Reporter

Six NSU students, two destinations, one reason, spring break.

Students from all over the country enjoy spring break. However, is it really all about the beach, partying and craziness?

Many NSU students are making plans for their spring break vacation. Two are headed to the "Big Apple" and four are headed to the sandy shore of Destin, Fla.

Bert LeBlanc, Jude Blanchard, Cole Everedge and Jeff Cain are anticipating their arrival in Destin. The four friends are planning to party, meet up with some sorority girls from LSU and go to the famous Club La Vela in Panama City, Fla.

"This is my break from school and it is pretty much a drink fest," LeBlanc said.

He added advice for everyone to consider before partying.

"I want to recommend one thing to all spring breakers, don't do anything you may regret in a month or perhaps the next morning."

This week-long party will cost the boys approximately $600 total for their hotel room, plus a few extra hundred dollars or so is needed for spending money.

One NSU couple is planning to spend their spring break vacation in New York with family. Senneca and Erik Peters are bringing their 15-month-old son Braedon to visit relatives and to meet the newest edition to the Peters family. The couple will be flying to Long Island.

Their plans are to visit family and to attend their nephew's christening. They will also take a ride to the Hamptons, what Senneca calls

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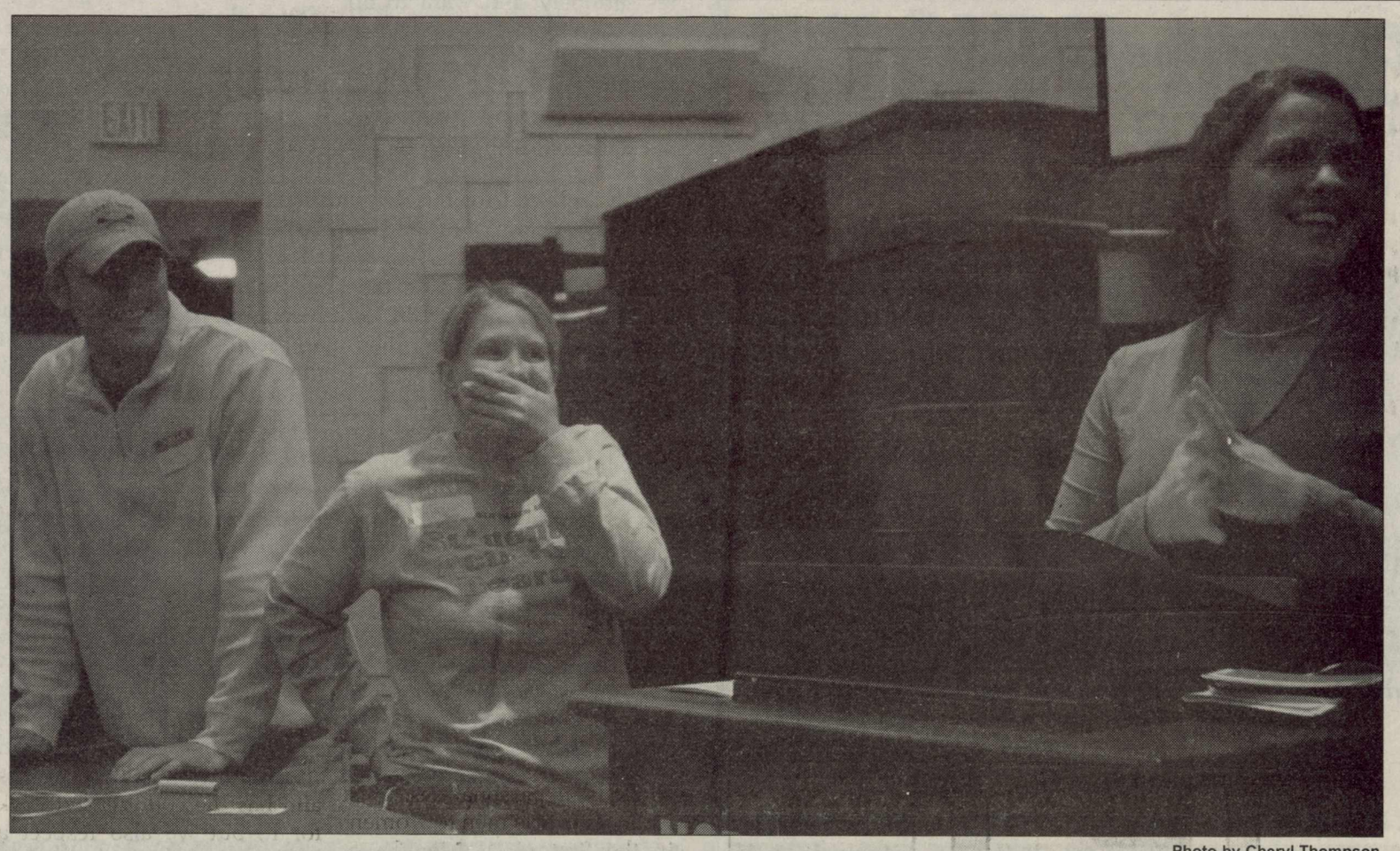

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Aimee Bobo(left) covers her mouth after she gives her answer to host Jennifer Jensen (right) at Wednesday's quiz bowl tournament. Ryan Terry laughs as he waits anxiously to find out the answer. This was one of many events held this week during the 2003 Greek Week.

Greek Week swings into fun, games, Greek spirit

Greek Week All Stars:
Phi Mu – Mia Hebert
Kappa Alpha – Mark Michotto
Tau Kappa Epsilon – Cade Strong
Zeta Phi Beta – Jency Moore
Sigma Sigma Sigma – Dana Rowzee
Delta Upsilon – Curtis Hoffpauir
Pi Kappa Phi – Josh Green
Kappa Epsilon – Jason St.Germaine
Alpha Kappa Alpha – Kalprina Williams
Alpha Sigma Alpha – Mackenzie Deshotel
Theta Chi – Brian Jarreau
Phi Beta Sigma – Travis Williams
Sigma Gamma Rho – Cecile Mengue
Sigma Nu – Jacob Doucet
Delta Sigma Theta – Robyn Selders
Delta Theta Pi – Kristin Wilkins

Winners of "Strut and Chant Competition":
1st place – Phi Mu, Sigma Gamma Rho
2nd place – Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Sigma Theta
3rd place – Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha
Winners of "Dizzybat":
Alpha Omicron Pi
Phi Beta Sigma

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

This week, NSU's sororities and fraternities stepped up to the plate and competed in the various activities as part of Greek Week 2003.

With the theme "In a League of Our Own," each greek organization showed off their competitive spirits and donned their colors throughout the daily events of the week.

"We chose the theme in order to get away from the whole Greek god and goddess thing and make it more modern," Misty Garret, co-chairman of Greek Week, said.

The events of the week began on Monday with the All-Greek Picnic at the bottom of Greek Hill. There the greek guys and gals munched on hot dogs, cookies and chips and guzzled soft drinks.

"We had various contests like a pie eating contest, tug of war, a root beer chug and a watermelon bust," Garret said.

During the watermelon bust, petroleum jelly was spread on the watermelons, and the players hurled them as hard as they could.

"It was pretty amusing," said Kim Bayma, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha. "A couple of the guys even tried to throw them backwards."

Monday was also the beginning of Penny Wars, a competition between the Greek organizations that doubles as a fundraiser for charity. In the Student Union each organization has a jar to drop change in.

Leigh Ann Greathouse, a junior CIS major and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha helped work the Penny War table.

"Pennies give us points. If you don't want a certain group to win, put in silver coins like quarters. They take away 25 points," Greathouse said.

All money earned from the Penny Wars will benefit the Natchitoches chapter of Domestic Violence Education and Services, or DOVES, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence.

"I think it's great that we are all getting together to raise money for such a worthy cause," Rachel Smith, a sopho-

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Drillers take first place at Pinnacle Softball Tournament

By Toi La Shea Rogers
Sauce Reporter

Free crawfish, seven sweaty teams and chants like "swing batter, batter, batter, swing," were in the air at Highland Park in Natchitoches the entire day Saturday.

Luke Sims, the owner of the Pinnacle, hosted his first Pinnacle Softball Tournament. The games began at 9 a.m. and went on until 8 p.m., leading up to the championship game.

The tournament hosted seven all-male teams from all over Natchitoches. The teams included: The Pinnacle , The Ramada Inn , The Drillers, The Doc , The Dirt Bags, The Decker Builders and The Bomb Squad.

"Some of these teams travel all over," Sims said. "I just wanted to give people something to do around her."

Sims said he would keep this year's profits to build up for a bigger and better tournament. However, he is thinking about giving some of next year's profits to charity.

The teams that participate in the tournament are selected in various ways. Some teams are selected from their places of employment, while others are hand picked among friends.

"We just came to play a little softball, drink a little beer and eat a little crawfish," Mark Peters and Adam Troxclair, members of the Bomb Squad, said while enjoying some down time in between games.

The tournament was set up on a double-elimination bracket system, resulting in the Drillers and the Ramada Inn playing for the championship game. The Drillers took home the gold after a day of softball, bonding and old fashion fun.

Demon Decorum with KT

Hallway traffic control

By Katy Andres
Sauce Columnist

I received a request to write this week's column about behavior in the hallways. As we all know, NSU's enrollment is growing every semester, which means that more and more students are not only crawling across the campus, they are getting on other students' nerves.

Regardless of your gender, if you are the first to reach a door, you may choose to hold it open for people behind you. However, after three or four people pass, you may move on through yourself, unless you wish to become the doorman of Roy Hall.

When you are walking through a hallway on your way to class, walk with no more than three abreast so you do not block someone behind you who may be in a hurry.

I know that for many people, the time in between classes offers a valuable opportunity to catch up with friends. If you stop to talk to a friend, immediately move out of the way so that your colleagues can easily get to their classes.

You must remember that there are other classes going on, and loud shouting and cackling can be easily heard inside classrooms. If you see that classroom doors are open, obviously the people inside will hear everything you say, so perhaps you should hold that thought until you are outside.

Remember when you were in grammar school, and you teacher forced your class to walk in a single file line on the right side of the hallway? O r what about one of the most important rules of driving: stay on the right side of the road?

Are you noticing a pattern here? This helps traffic flow in crowded hallways, but is even more crucial on stairways. When running to calculus on the fourth floor of Kyser, the last thing you should have to worry about is crashing into a pack of students blocking the entire stairway. So, if people going up the stairs stick to their right (the wall) and people going down the stairs stick to their right (the rail), there will be a lot less jams and a lot more people on time for class.

I know, I know, everyone

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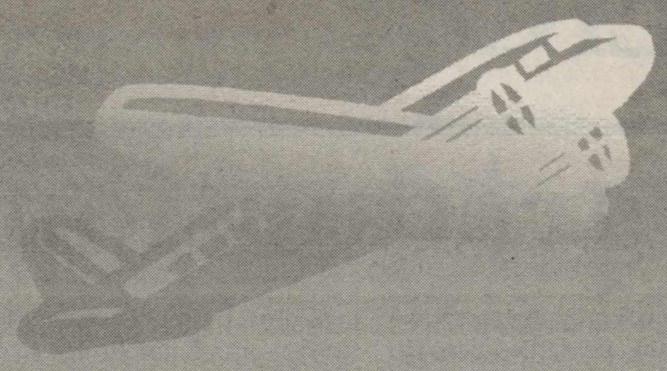

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more business major and a member Phi Mu, said.

The Penny Wars take place from Monday through today, and the winner will be announced this afternoon.

Tuesday night the Greek organizations participated in the Strut and Chant Competition also known as "the stomp" held in Prather Coliseum.

Groups of fraternities and sororities got together to compete in a dance contest complete with chants, stomps and hand motions.

Josh Stanley and Tyler Wade, members of Kappa Sigma, attended the competition.

"The stomp is always a fun time," Stanley, a junior business administration major, said.

"It's all about getting the students together for a great event," Wade, a sophomore criminal justice major, said.

The group that had the best struts and chants was the team of Phi Mu and Sigma Gamma Rho.

After the dance competition, students competed in the Dizzybat Contest. After whirling around with their heads placed on a baseball bat, the players had five basketballs to shoot into a basket.

The students that made the most baskets while "dizzy" were the winners.

Greek Week 2003 will conclude today with the chariot race.

"Each organization gets a chariot that is really a shopping cart. They race down the street from Prather to the Kappa Sigma house," Garrett said.

One "chariot rider" will represent each organization. These representatives are the Greek Week All Stars.

After the race, there will be a mud volleyball competition if the weather permits. The team that wins the mud volleyball game will win a $100 donation to a philanthropy of the organization's choice.

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wants to have fun during their college years, but you have to realize that life cannot be a 24/7 party. The majority of students here take their studies seriously, and want to do the best they can. If you do not fall into this majority, good luck in the future, and while you are here respect your colleagues' right to get the most out of their education, and the world will be a better place.

■ *Katy Andres is a junior humanities major at the Louisiana Scholars' College. Andres is not an etiquette guru. Her etiquette column appears weekly in the L&E section.*

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"the playground for the rich and famous." The Hamptons is located in East Long Island.

They also plan to ride the Long Island Railroad into Penn Station for a New York City getaway. One thing they plan accomplish, unlike no where else, is to eat hot dogs from the street vendors.

"You don't know where the meat comes from, but it sure tastes good," Erik said.

The couple will also take their son to the zoo in Central Park, visit Times Square and pay some respects at the World Trade Center Memorial Site.

Both groups will have everlasting memories of their 2003 spring break. So, whether the vacation is spending time with family or partying, make it memorable one.

Creative and Performing Arts

Schedule of events for April 10-23, 2003

April 10 - Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony and NSU Choirs present Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 7-11 NSU Senior Exhibition: Christopher Bell, graphic design, Hanchey Gallery (Downstairs)

NSU Graduate Exhibition: Wasin Vudhivai, graphic design, Hanchey Gallery (Gallery 2)

April 21-25 NSU Senior Exhibitions: Betty Campbell, Graphic Design/Sculpture/Photography, Hanchey Gallery (Downstairs); April Mabou, Mixed Media, Gallery 2

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Perfect game sweep revives softball weekend, Demons look to Prairie View

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State bounced back from a rough weekend with the help of Crista Miller's perfect game as the Lady Demons swept Centenary in doubleheader action Monday night.

The Lady Demons cruised to the sweep, beating Centenary 4-0, 3-0. In the nightcap of the series Miller threw her fourth career no-hitter, a NSU record leading the Lady Demons to 15 wins in 21 games.

In the second game Miller struck out six and walked two while the run support was off home runs by Tasha Hess and Kiana Scott. Hess had a solo home run, her fifth on the year, while Scott hit a two-run bomb an inning later.

In the first game Loni Rasberry won her ninth game by throwing a three-hitter and allowing no earned runs. NSU combined for 11 hits, three apiece by Lindsey Danzy and Shay Hunt who doubled twice. The win helps keep Rasberry second in the Southland Conference in ERAs with a 1.33.

Before the hot hitting against Centenary, NSU faced SLC foe Nicholls in weekend action. Northwestern State's bats were asleep for the doubleheader on Saturday as NSU fell 4-3, 4-0.

A late charge in the first game fell short as Krystle Nichols home run shot stopped at the warning track giving the Lady Demons only one run on a sac fly. NSU had a chance to score in the next two innings but stranded the tying runner in scoring position.

"We played like blah for the first three innings," head coach Eileen Schmidt said. "We didn't play until the fourth inning and you can't win ball games like that."

In the second game, NSU was held to five hits and stranded runners throughout the game. A strong outing by Miller was ruined when she gave up a two-run, two-out seventh inning triple that put the game away for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Demons got a boost on Sunday with the return of senior pitcher Amanda Ortego who has been out with a strained ankle. In her first game back Ortego struck out seven and allowed no earned runs, leading the Demons to a 4-1 win and avoiding the sweep.

Northwestern State's bats woke up driving in four runs on 10 hits, three by Sarina Noack and two each from Nicole Martin and Scott.

Despite losing two this weekend, Northwestern State drops to fourth place in the SLC standings. NSU got help from its sweep of Centenary on Monday to avoid dropping anymore places.

Up next for the Lady Demons is a road swing that starts Wednesday night against McNeese State and then visits Sam Houston for a SLC series this weekend.

The road swing ends at a non-conference match up against Prairie View on Monday.

NSU tennis ends season on sour note

Courtesy of Sports Information

Stung by the end of its 46-match regular season winning streak in Southland Conference women's tennis a day earlier, Texas-Arlington posted a 6-1 league victory Sunday at Northwestern State.

UTA (10-7 overall, 7-1 in the SLC) took five singles wins in straight sets and defaulted the No. 6 match due to an injury, giving Northwestern its lone point. The Lady Demons fell to 6-10 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

Annemarie Lenze and Anete Rozkaine set the tone for UTA with an 8-0 win in the No. 2 doubles over Anneline Zerwick and Alexandra Nieto. Lenze won the No. 1 singles 6-4, 6-1 over NSU's Eliza Young while Rozkaine took the No. 3 singles 6-0, 6-3 over Katy Wallace.

Wallace and Young gave Ella Goldshuv and Jitka Vetrovcova a tough time in the No. 1 doubles before falling 8-5.

Northwestern plays its remaining SLC matches on the road and makes its final homecourt appearance April 19 against Louisiana Tech.

Southland Conference women's tennis at Natchitoches, LA, April 6, 2003

Singles: Annemarie Lenze (UTA) d. Eliza Young 6-4, 6-1; Ella Goldshuv (UTA) d. Anneline Zerwick 6-0, 6-3; Anete Rozkaine (UTA) d. Katy Wallace 6-0, 6-3; Jitka Vetrovcova (UTA) d. Alexandra Nieto 6-2, 6-3; Gretel Hach (UTA) d. Camila Prado 6-1, 6-1; Kristin Pagels (NSU) won by default.

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Texas Relays turn out well for NSU

Sowell takes another long jump win from Austin

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State All-American Stephanie Sowell won the women's long jump, nearly breaking her own school record, while the Demons' 4x400 meter relay team clocked the meet's second-fastest qualifying time Friday at the 76th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.

Freshman Samantha Ford gave Northwestern another victory with a 158-3 throw that took the Section B women's javelin. That performance, along with Sowell's 20-9 3/4 leap that won the Section A women's long jump, was among six NCAA regional qualifying marks recorded by NSU competitors Friday.

Sowell, who won All-America honors in the long jump and triple jump at last month's NCAA Indoor Championships, was less than an inch shy of her school record 20-10 1/2 long jump that won the SLC Indoors title in February. The junior from Natchitoches finished seventh at the NCAA Indoors in that event with a 20-6 1/2 performance.

The Demons' 4x400 relay unit of Terry Gatson, Blake Hines, Marcus Pitre and Justin Wolfe clocked a blistering 3:09.05, outpaced only by Stanford's 3:08.30 time, in qualifying heats Friday for Saturday's nine-team championship final. The third-best time was registered by BYU (3:09.27) with Mississippi State, which ran second in NSU's heat, fourth at 3:09.32 and Ole Miss fifth at 3:09.77.

The 4x400 relay time was also an NCAA regional qualifying mark for Northwestern. So were a fifth-place 5-8 3/4 leap in the Section A women's high jump by NSU senior Jacqueline Canton and two preliminary heat times in the women's 100 meter hurdles, a season-best 13.56 by reigning SLC Indoor and Outdoor champ Brittany Littlejohn and a 14.08 performance by NSU freshman Tameisha Miller. Littlejohn had the fifth-fastest time Friday and Miller ranked 19th, with both advancing to Saturday's finals.

LSU's Lolo Jones was the fastest qualifier in the women's 100 meter hurdles (13.05) while Littlejohn tied LSU's RaNysha LeBlanc for the fifth-fastest time at 13.56. Littlejohn set the NSU school record winning last spring's SLC Outdoors in 13.40 for the event.

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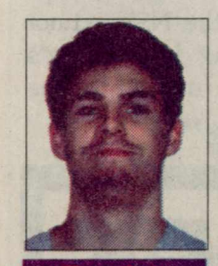
The way I see it:

Playing with the big dogs

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter



Barrios

Ah...division I-AA. How glorious it is to be in this division. Who wouldn't want to play their hearts out against every school they face only to be mocked and undermined by the media? Sounds kind of stupid, doesn't it?

Well that is exactly what our division I-AA Demons deal with every season no matter what sport they are.

Has anyone noticed the difficult teams our Demon athletic teams have chosen to play over the past seasons? Apparently some have.

However, they only recognize our team because we are playing against a top ranked school.

How many big-wigs showed up to Tuesday night's 'Bama game or last night's LSU game only to show their face at the event and how many others showed up only to see the SEC teams? Plenty!

We hardly ever see that kind of attention unless schools like these come to town.

I personally think that it is great that our teams have the guts to step up against these high caliber teams.

Our Demon soccer team played against Texas A&M last season and of course the Aggies took the spotlight.

Why? Because they are "bigger" teams.

Sure there is a fine line between such conferences as the SEC and the Southland Conference, but no team deserves to be mocked for being the underdog team.

Last football season, a highly rated sports show called the NSU Demon football team the "Northwestern Louisiana State University A&M" followed by the comment, "Oh what does it matter? They are going to get stomped."

That was the night before they played the University of Georgia Bulldogs. Of course they are the bigger team and we did get beat, but the point is that each team should get equal respect no matter what team it is.

If the expected teams always won, the NCAA basketball finals would have been a little different.

NSU athletics should be praised for taking on the teams they take on. At least we can say we didn't hide our heads in the sand and we tried.

That's more than some teams can say. These teams only play schools like us to raise their season records.

Nothing will change in the future on this topic, but at least someone is attempting to give credit where credit is due.

To all of you on lower division teams playing dominant schools, I tip my hat.

This is for all those times you were seen as the underdog. You deserve to be recognized for your attempts.

Syracuse takes title from Kansas

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim finally won a championship, after his lone chance fell short 16 years ago, as his young Orangemen beat Kansas 81-78 Monday night.

Kansas just could not find an answer for the Orangemen's 2-3 zone defense.

The stat that will haunt the Jayhawks is going 18 of 30 at the free throw line and four of 20 from behind the arc.

Syracuse was led by the freshmen Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara. Anthony finished with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists while fighting a bad back.

McNamara hit six three-pointers in the game and finished with 18 points.

Nick Collison, who finished the game with 19 points and 21 rebounds, carried the Jayhawks throughout the game led Kansas offensively.

Collison also went three for 10 at the free throw line. Kansas guard Kirk Hinrich was cold all night shooting six for 20 and three of 12 from behind the arc.

The NCAA championship game came down to last minute shots and free throws, which Kansas missed. The game came down to a last minute shot that Hinrich missed.

In a chance to seal the game Hakim Warrick missed two free throws made it up to his team with a blocked shot with 1.5 seconds left in the game.

Kansas' Head Coach Roy Williams lost another shot at a championship. Now the question on Kansas' mind is "Is Williams bolting for the North Carolina job'? On Wednesday Kansas tried to keep Williams at Kansas by firing athletic director Al Bohl.

The future is up in the air on both ball clubs as Kansas' head coach staying or leaving and for Syracuse is Anthony staying or leaving?

With the NCAA anything is possible.

Photo by Amanda Breaux

Brandon Morgan was one of the Demon's four runs in their 6-4 loss to LSU last night. The loss was the final of five losses for NSU this week.

NSU hits 5-game losing skid, remember good beginnings

Demons lose while hosting LSU, Alabama

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

The Demon baseball team struggled this week as they hosted the Louisiana State University Tigers, the University of Alabama Crimson Tide and traveled to the in conference Lamar University Cardinals.

The Demons aimed high on Tuesday and Wednesday nights as they hosted the SEC division Tigers and Crimson Tide.

"There aren't too many schools in the South that can have an Alabama or LSU in their ballpark and I think that shows where our program is now," head baseball coach Mitch Gaspard said.

Though the Demons were honored to have both teams on their field, they could not hold them down for a win.

The LSU Tigers ended any hopes for Demon win this week as they broke a sixth inning 2-4 deficit.

In the eighth inning the Tigers brought in four runs to pull ahead of the Demons for a final time taking the game 6-4.

As they played Alabama, the Demons seemed to have a chance early on in the game. After a three-run second inning the Demons were ahead of the Tide 2-3, but the Tide's bats woke up quickly in the top of the fifth.

In that inning Alabama tacked on five runs to the score and later in the sixth inning added another four runs.

The Demons rallied in the seventh and eighth innings brining home five runs and narrowing the lead to 12-8, but the rally ended there. The Demons would not score again in the game giving the win to the Tide.

Though the game against the Crimson Tide was close, the Demons were not happy with the four errors made in the field that aided in the four run loss.

"Our program is at a point where we shouldn't be happy with playing those teams close," Gaspard said. "We are at the point where we need to beat those people."

The Lamar University Cardinals gave the Demons the same fight last weekend as the Demons were swept in three in-conference games.

The Cardinals took the Demons on a hitting spree on Friday night as their 11 runs in 12 hits toppled the Demons 3-11.

Later in the series the Demons fell to the Cardinals two more times as they dropped Saturday and Sunday's games 4-7 and 2-9.

A defensive breakdown, pitching problems and untimely hits were among the problems Gaspard said did not help the Demons compete well against Lamar.

"When those three factors all come into play you aren't going to win too many games," Gaspard said.

With every new game, Gaspard said there is a new opportunity to turn the page on the bad week that plagued the Demons last week.

"You just have to keep playing hard and keep chugging and sooner or later it will turn," Gaspard said.

The Demons will have quite a few opportunities to turn that page over spring break as they will travel to Sam Houston State, Texas Southern and take on McNeese at home before going back to class on April 21.

Former coach honored for Demon resurrection

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

As the University of Alabama Crimson Tide came to NSU to battle the Demon baseball team Tuesday night, the Demons honored UA's head coach Jim Wells for his achievements at and beyond NSU.

Wells was honored Tuesday night as his jersey was retired prior to the match up of his past and present teams.

Wells, who was the Demon baseball coach from 1990-95, has been credited with bringing the Demon baseball organization to life in the early 1990s.

"He was the main reason for putting NSU baseball on the map and has continued that success at Alabama," Demon baseball head coach Mitch Gaspard said.

After two years of assistant coaching at Louisiana State University under Skip Bertman and four years of coaching at Loyola Prep High School, Wells was named head baseball coach of his alma mater, NSU.

By that time the Demon baseball program was at the peak of a 13-year slump, but Wells would not allow his alma mater to continue on such a trend. In his five seasons with the Demons, Wells resurrected the Demon baseball team.

In his first season as head coach, Wells led the Demons to their first winning season in 13 years bringing the Demons to a 38-13 season record. Under Wells, the Demons won the Southland Conference championship in '91, '93 and '94 and he was awarded the Southland Conference Coach of the Year award in those years as well.

Wells is responsible for much of the success of the Demon baseball team as well as the development of the field it plays on.

He aided in projects such as installing the field's drainage system and placing an outfield wall in place of old chain link fencing.

"Jim built the tradition of NSU Baseball from ground zero," Gaspard said. "He is as loyal and hardworking as any coach I have ever been around."

In 1995 Wells was offered the head coaching position at the University of Alabama where he has been since. In his first season Wells brought the Tide to a 42-23 record and became the Crimson Tide's winningest first-year coach. Wells is currently in his ninth season as head coach of the Crimson Tide and has led them to three College World Series appearances, five SEC titles, four NCAA titles while taking five coaching awards along the way.

Amidst all this recognition, Wells said returning to Natchitoches was special to him.

"I love Natchitoches," Wells said. "It was fun to come back."

With his family living in northwest Louisiana and his in-laws living in Natchitoches Wells said his only regret was that he could only stay one day.

However no matter how long the stay or the list of reasons to come back, Wells always remembers his roots in his first team.

He also remembers what comes first at NSU.

"We came back for Northwestern, but also for the students here," Wells said.

Demons scrimmage before spring game

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The future looks promising for the Northwestern State football team as the defense and offense showed great improvements in the 100-play scrimmage on Sunday.

The workout lasted 100 minutes on a cool, cloudy day in Turpin Stadium that saw a the Demons defense play well and saw great running from Derrick Johnese.

The Purple Swarm defense created 17 negative yardage plays and scored on a 35-yard fumble return by cornerback David Pittman. Overall the Demon defense accounted for 98 negative yards and gave up only 26 yards rushing on 72 attempts. Overall the defense had three sacks and five penalties for the scrimmage.

Offensively sophomore quarterback Gerard Barrow threw for 117 yards and a touchdown hitting nine of 17 passes.

Other leaders in offense were place kickers Tommy Hebert who hit field goals from 36 and 26 yards out. Place kicker Josh Storrs hit a 51-yard field goal and added a 24 yarder later in the scrimmage.

Greg Skidmore led NSU's ground attack with 72 yards on 15 carries for the second-team offense. All-Southland Conference tailback Johnese scored on touchdowns from eight and two yards.

Up next for the Demons is the 14th Annual Joe Delaney Bowl spring game on Thursday evening at 6 p.m. This will end spring training for the Demons. Admission is free for everyone.

Volleyball wins two in tournament

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demon volleyball team won easily in an early tournament scrimmage on Saturday.

The Lady Demons showed positive signs for the fall season as the won in three straight matches over Centenary and North Baptist Texas.

New Head Coach Leigh Davis has the Lady Demons in top form early as spring training is still going on.

Northwestern State seemed to be too much for the two visiting colleges as they out hit and out played the schools.

The NSU volleyball team is looking to turn around last season's misfortunes with returning starters Becky David, Flavia Belo, Shanna Puder and Beth Freeland. Also returning is junior setter Cathy Herring who was named to the All-SLC Academic Team.

The Lady Demons played hard in a near empty Prather Coliseum though some students and faculty scattered about to watch the early volleyball tournament.

Up next for the Lady Demons is the conclusion of spring training and a volleyball tournament later in April.

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SGA shells out $12,000 in last meeting

Internal commission election turns into session-ending dispute

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association embroiled itself in some last-second controversy after failing to elect a commissioner of Student Affairs for next semester at Monday's meeting.

Rachel Murry, a freshman senator, was declared the winner at the meeting, though questions have since arisen concerning the fairness of the election.

The senate also passed several pieces of legislation at the meeting, including three bills allotting a semester-high $12,000 to clubs and for University services.

In the senate's attempt to elect a Student Affairs commissioner, a candidate needed to get one more than half of the student senate's votes. In the primaries, Murry ran against Keith Gates and Kayla Brossett. The result of the first vote was Gates-7, Murry-6, and Brossett-1.

This left Gates one vote short of the needed number to win, triggering a run-off. Brossett, who was no longer a candidate, voted for Murry and tied the election 7 to 7. After some discussion, senator Scott Manguno was swayed by the opinion of the outgoing Commissioner of Student Affairs, Andy Dye, and changed his vote to Murry. This gave Murry the 8 necessary votes and she was declared the winner.

Manguno said that after the meeting, Gates challenged the procedure used by the senate and claimed to be the rightful winner. He argued the senate had wrongly assumed that each candidate was voting for themselves.

Since he and the other candidates were not directly asked whether or not they were voting for themselves, Gates claimed that they should be counted as abstentions.

This would have changed the results of the first vote to Gates-6, Murry-5, and Brossett-0. This would also have lowered the number of necessary votes to six and result in Gates winning after the first vote.

Several senators disagreed with Gates's logic. Current Speaker of the Senate and President-elect Greg Comeaux jokingly asked the candidates for his replacement whether or not they were voting for themselves at the beginning of the evening. Many senators claimed that this set a precedent for the evening.

The matter is being turned over to the SGA Supreme Court.

Notable in the evening's legislation was a bill that would allow the students to vote on whether or not they would like to continue paying $1 per semester to the University Rodeo Team in their student-assessed fees.

Also passing through the senate were bills allotting $3,000 to buy updated maps for Kyser Hall, $2,000 to the library for books and $7,000 to NSU Crew to buy a new trailer.

Other internal elections that evening also went much smoother. Zach Pulliam defeated Mindy McConnell and Alan Sypert for Speaker of the Senate.

Amanda Breaux defeated Murry for commissioner of external affairs and Mindy McConnell was elected as the commissioner of Academic Affairs unopposed.

The SGA will have its year-ending banquet next week. They will have no more open meetings this semester.

Three from NSU in Miss La.

■ *Lady of the Bracelet contestant finds success in central Louisiana pageant*

By Candice Pauley
Sauce Reporter

Scholars' College senior Kelli Walker won the Miss Cenla beauty pageant on April 5, in Alexandria securing her a place in the Miss Louisiana pageant.

Read more about Kelli Walker in L&E Page 5

Walker will be competing for scholarship money and a place in the Miss America pageant against other women from all over the state.

Walker has participated in three pageants, her first being the Miss Lady of the Bracelet competition.

As a political science major looking for graduate schools, Walker participates in the pageants to win scholarship money.

"It's a great opportunity to make some money," she said.

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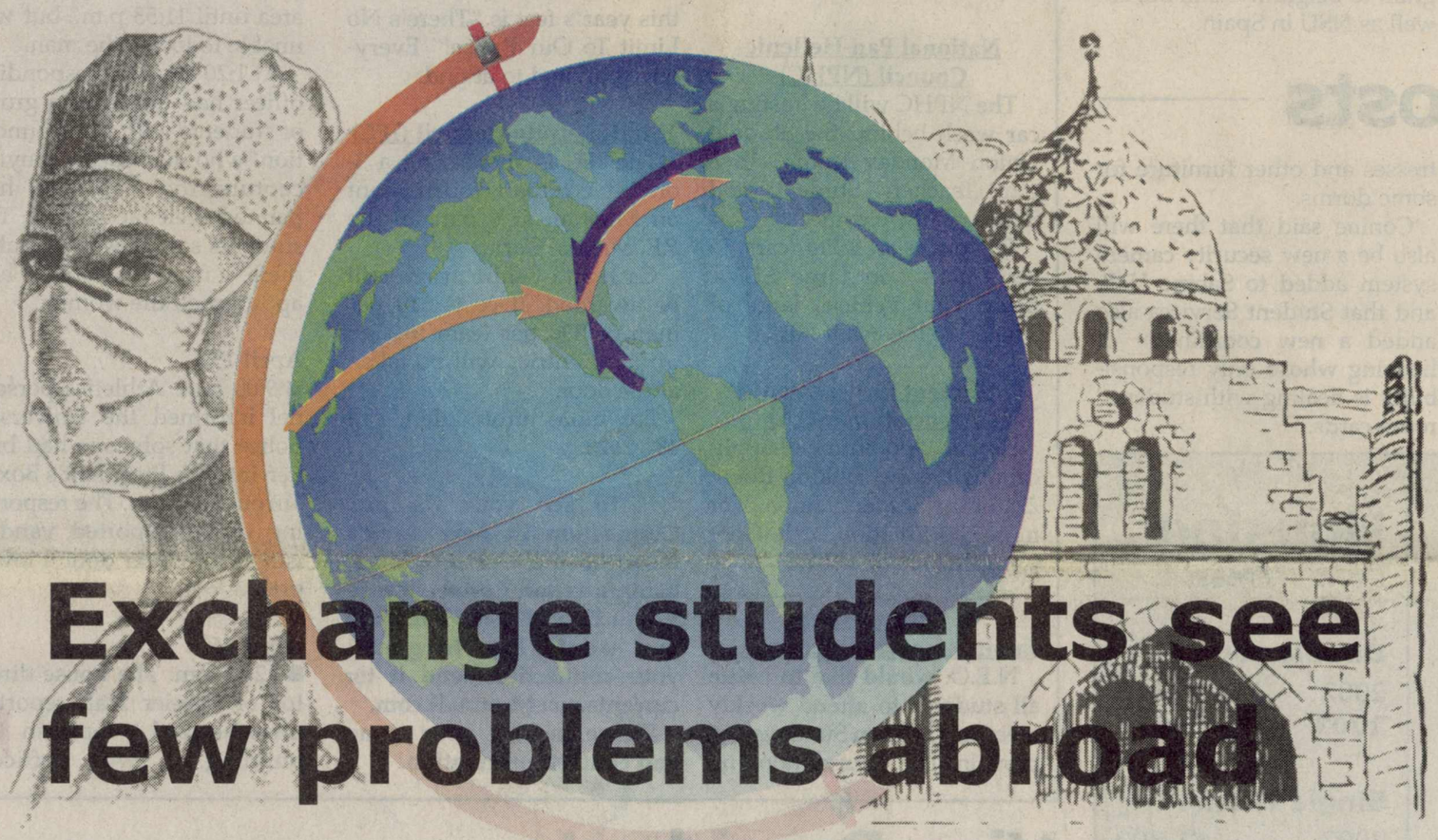

Exchange students see few problems abroad

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

Conflicts in the Middle East persist on and SARS continues to spread in east Asia. But how are NSU students participating in the International Student Exchange Program and the Counsel for the Development of French in Louisiana program?

NSU has three students abroad at the moment through the ISEP program, two in Spain and one in Austria. NSU representative for ISEP Jim Picht said all three students are doing fine.

Picht said that none of the students have asked to come home early and that none of the students' parents have expressed any concern for their children's safety. ISEP will work with concerned students, but the program will continue as nothing has been suspended.

ISEP is a program in which students can study abroad, and students from other countries can come to NSU to study as well. Students can choose from 33 countries in which to go to school, and within those 33 countries there are a variety of institutions.

Picht said in the United Kingdom alone there are nine institutions that students can choose from. Picht also said that there are no institutions available through ISEP in the Middle East.

Student safety is a concern. However, Picht said there is not a lot that those at NSU can do once a student is in another country.

"Once the student is over there they are out of our hands. They are now in the hands of those institutions, just as we have students here who are our responsibility," Picht said.

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Vice Presidents plot life after NSU

By Glenn Tillman, Jr.
Sauce Reporter

Burns

Winston

With two of President Randall Webb's right hand men laying their jobs down, who will be the next vice presidents of university affairs and academic affairs?

Whomever the jobs are assigned to those individuals have their hands full.

Thomas Burns is the vice president of academic affairs until June 30. He has served this position for 35 years. At this point in his lifetime, he believes it is time to take another path.

"Teaching 35 years at NSU, this is the right time," said Burns.

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Wellness Center Watch

A quick look at work on the campus' new intramural complex

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Chris Fletcher works on the basement of the IM Wednesday afternoon.

Tuition, room, board to cost more next year

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Brett Venable receives a roast beef sandwich from Aramark employee Lemoria Dillon. Meal plan costs are rising, and the cost increases won't necessarily mean more food for students.

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter
with staff reports

The costs of college will increase this next academic year, with a new tuition increase starting this summer and housing and meal plan increases starting in the fall.

The University of Louisiana System, which includes NSU and seven other state universities, is increasing tuition by as much as $10 per credit hour.

System officials said the "academic excellence" increase, combined with a 3 percent tuition increase approved by the state legislature earlier this semester, would raise up to $16 million per year for the member schools.

Hammond's *Daily Star* reported that System President Sally Clausen said Pell Grants would pay the new increase, but the Tuition Opportunity Program for Student will not.

Also, the cost for a double occupancy dorm room at NSU will increase $50 to $925 per semester. A single occupancy room will go up $200 to $1,500.

"$1,500 is still not twice the cost of a double room, and $1,300 was still way less than what our cost for a double room was," said Director of Student Services Frances Conine.

All Iberville board plans will increase $30, variable A will go up $27, and variable B will increase $15. The variable C and University Columns meal plans will not change.

Conine said that Aramark is raising costs to match the rate of inflation so that they

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NSU22 weekend forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
85°/57°	78°/55°	86°/60°
Partly Cloudy 20% showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

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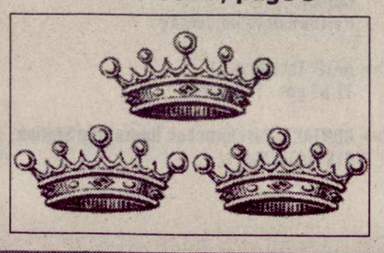
University student crowned as Miss Cenla, page 5



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Study Abroad

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ISEP cannot force students to come back. If danger becomes an issue while a student is abroad, it is still up to the student to decide whether or not he or she wants to come back home.

An eye is kept on the countries involved in the program, and Picht said that if one were to become politically unstable, students would not be allowed to go and would be told to pick another destination.

Right now there are students from foreign countries studying here at NSU through the ISEP program from South Korea, Germany, and Nicaragua. Picht said that the students are enjoying themselves and have not expressed any concerns about their safety or wanting to go home prematurely.

Picht said that, in fact, one of them wishes to stay on for an extra semester.

Codofil is another abroad program for students dealing with French-speaking countries like Canada, France, Belgium. NSU representative for Codofil Lisa Wolffe said right now there are no students from NSU studying abroad through the program, and no students from other countries studying at NSU.

Like ISEP, if Codofil did have students abroad they would work with those concerned for their safety, but again it would be up to the student to decide whether or not to go home.

"Europe has dealt with terrorism for literally hundreds of years. People are used to it and they deal with it," Wolffe said. "The government tends to be vigilant, the security forces are vigilant. We don't hear a lot about it over here because there aren't a lot of deaths and injuries due to terrorism as much now."

Summer programs and trips to Europe have also remained unaffected. The summer program to Belgium is still on, as well as NSU in Spain.

College Costs

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can keep their profit margin.

The dorm rate increases are needed to cover several new costs, Conine said.

She said those costs include rising energy prices, maintenance personnel costs, added student workers, new doors for some rooms, and new mattresses and other furniture for some dorms.

Conine said that there will also be a new security camera system added to Sabine Hall, and that Student Services also added a new coordinator of housing whose only responsibility is dealing with students' room cards.

Tuition

Cost per credit hour for 12 hours or more:

2002 cost	$82.33
3% Regents increase	+ $3.50
"academic excellence" fee	+ $10.00
	$95.83

2003 Totals

12 hours	$1,147.50
15 hours	$1,188.00
18 hours	$1,228.50
21 hours	$1,269.00

Housing

Dorm increases:

Double room	
2002	$875
2003	**$925**
Single room	
2002	$1,300
2003	**$1,500**

2003 Totals

Double room with 19 meal plan: **$1,663**

Single room with 19 meal plan: **$2,438**

Walker

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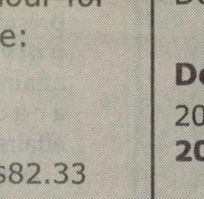


Walker

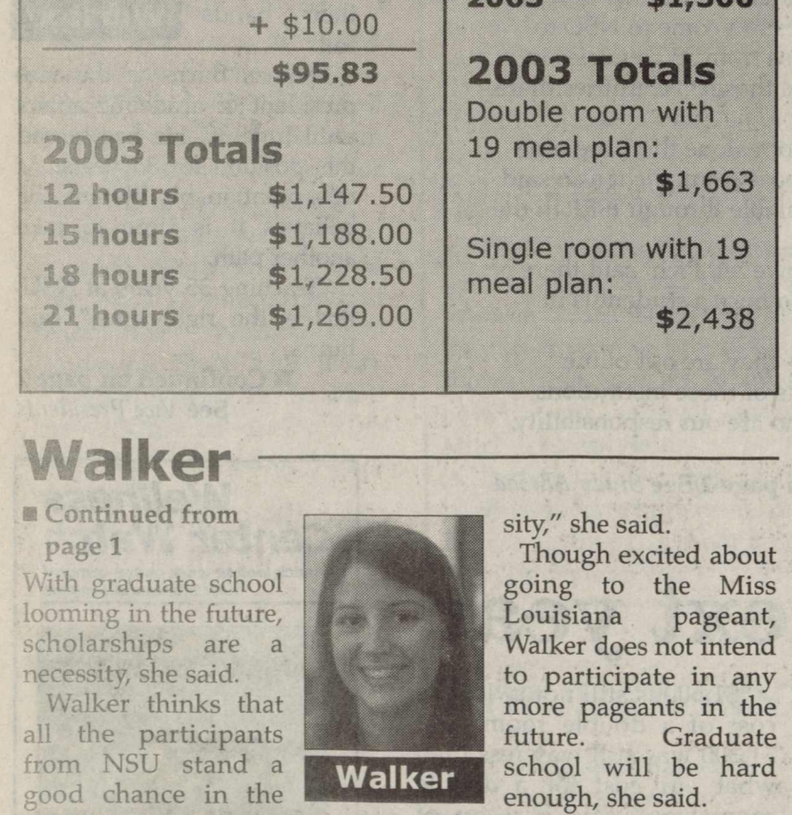
With graduate school looming in the future, scholarships are a necessity, she said.

Walker thinks that all the participants from NSU stand a good chance in the next pageant.

"We have an excellent group of contestants from this university," she said.

Though excited about going to the Miss Louisiana pageant, Walker does not intend to participate in any more pageants in the future. Graduate school will be hard enough, she said.

The Miss Louisiana pageant will be held on June 19 through the 21 in Monroe, La.



Campus Connections

Financial Aid

May 1 is the priority deadline for all students to complete and turn in financial aid papers to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Students interested in applying for financial aid, including College Work Study Program student employees, need to complete a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

College work study is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Students can complete the form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For more information, call 357-5961 or go to Roy Hall Room 103.

Students In Free Enterprise

The NSU SIFE Team is inviting all majors to come join the fun. Meetings will be held every Monday in Russell Hall Room 213. There is no specific GPA required and no dues. For more information, go to www.nsula.edu/sife.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

The NPHC will be hosting a car wash behind the Student Union Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. Teachers, Students and Staff are all welcome.

The prices are $3 for cars, $5 for trucks and large SUVs. Bring your vehicle, large or small. We'll wash it all!

Student Government Association (SGA)

Senate appointment applications are available in Room 221 of the Student Union. For more information, call Greg Comeaux at 357-4501.

Northwestern Environmental Organization

N.E.O. would like to invite all students to attend weekly meetings held on Sundays at 6 p.m. in The Foundation (no affiliation). We will be discussing installing bat houses, Tom Sawyer day, bake sales, working at the Humane Society, and the continuation of our aluminum recycling pick-up.

Fashion Extravaganza

The St. Matthew Baptist Church of Saline, La. will host a Fashion Extravaganza on May 24 at 6 p.m. The 'extravaganza' will be held at Lakeview High School in Campti, La.

Registration is $15 per participant and the deadline for registration is May 9. For more information call Lataisha Morrisette at 356-5799 or Claudine Hill at 875-2196.

Lifted Voices

The Lifted Voices Gospel Choir will have their annual Spring Fest 2003 Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The theme for the this year's fest is "There's No Limit To Our Praise!" Everyone is invited to attend.

Intrafraternity Council (IFC)

The IFC is sponsoring a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Monday at 6 p.m. in the P.E. Majors' Gym.

Cash and t-shirt prizes will be awarded. It costs $10 per man or $30 per team to sign up, and entries will be taken at the door.

For more information, call 481-2623.

*****To see your Campus Connection in next week's issue of the *Current Sauce*, bring a typed Connection to Room 225 of Kyser Hall. Or if you would like to e-mail your connection send it to: currentsauce@hotmail.com.**

Please include your name and contact information.

Police Blotter

Compiled by Glenn Ward

April 10

■ 9:53 p.m. A student reported his vehicle stolen. A report was filled out.

April 11

■ 8:41 a.m. Personnel from the field house reported a golf cart was missing. However, at 9:14 a.m. the golf cart was found.

■ 1:08 p.m. A student southbound on I-49 in a Black SUV was waiving a gun at people passing by. University police had been searching for the student since earlier in the day, and when they were notified that he was off-campus, they informed State Troopers of his whereabouts.

■ 11:40 p.m. A woman reported being approached by a man with blonde, curly hair whose face was painted black. The woman said the man tried to grab her by the shoulder. An officer searched the area until 11:53 p.m., but was unable to locate the man.

At 1:20 a.m., the responding officer had talked to a group of students with The Foundation who had been playing capture the flag and had painted their faces black. The students said it was probably their friend who had approached the woman.

April 15

■ 9:00 p.m. Athletics personnel informed the University police that someone had broken into the President's Box in Turpin Stadium. The responding officer reported vandalism to the outer door's lower grate.

April 16

■ 12:11 a.m. The house director of Bossier Hall reported unauthorized people in the building. Two officers responded at 12:12 a.m. and found two students and another person. All three were told to leave and not return.

■ 3:35 p.m. President Webb requested frequent passes in front of his house.

April 20

■ 7:00 a.m. through 2:35 p.m. Students reported their ID cards would not allow them to enter the residence halls, especially Dodd Hall and Varnado Hall. Officers opened the doors throughout the day for the returning students.

April 21

■ 10:11 a.m. A student in Rapides Hall reported a theft. An officer responded to file a report.

■ 12:28 p.m. A student at the University Columns also reported a theft. An officer responded and filed a report.

April 22

■ 1:47 p.m. A student called in to report that her tires were slashed in the Bossier Hall parking lot. An officer responded and filed a report.

■ 9:11 p.m. A call was received from the front desk worker at Caddo Hall that a smoke alarm was going off. The Natchitoches Fire Department was contacted and arrived at 9:16 p.m. Caddo residents were evacuated until the source of the smoke was contained. The smoke was from a burning bag of popcorn.

■ Noon There was an vehicle accident at the stoplight on campus. However, there was no damage and no one was injured.

April 23

■ 11:51 a.m. A radio was stolen from Kyser Hall Room 225. An officer arrived at 11:56 a.m. to file a report.

Vice Presidents

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Burns is not only a science teacher at NSU but also has been the vice president of academic affairs for 35 years.

But Burns said he is sad to go.

"I will miss friends, faculty, student activities, and the everyday routine," Burns said.

During his retirement, he plans to travel to England, Scotland and Guadalajara, Mexico, and do lots of fishing. In spite of his absence, Burns still plans to be a continuing supporter of NSU in Athletics and *Argus*, the school's art magazine.

Burns has supporting words to the future vice president of academic affairs: "Enjoy being an administrator and working with faculty and students at NSU."

"I see NSU as a leading academic institution in Central Louisiana. NSU will continue to be a leader in electronic learning," Burns said.

Vice President of University Affairs John E. Winston's perspective on the University as whole is similar to Burns.

Winston has been vice president of university affairs for nine years. Winston has been a man of challenge, hard work, and planning. In 1992, he became the first black vice president of university affairs at NSU.

Among the responsibilities Winston carries are oversight responsibility of the physical platform of the whole university including the warehouse and environmental, health safety and talk to real sate business on any land or any building at NSU.

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> **—John Winston**
> Retiring Vice President of University Affairs

Upon leaving NSU, Winston said he plans to run for mayor of Natchitoches. If he does not become the mayor-elect, he plans preach the importance of reading and join the fight against illiteracy among poor white children and minorities.

"The problem (illiteracy) is the way we teach reading in American public schools. I think I have the solution to that problem," Winston said.

He plans to start from his home, gradually start in Natchitoches, spread his ideas across Louisiana, the region, and then nationally.

Winston has always set timetables for his life. He has set his retirement date for a while.

Winston has one huge piece of advice for his successor.

"Be on good terms with your boss," Winston said.

In the meantime, the Vice Presidents are handling everyday business until their final day arrives.

They agreed that funding is needed.

"We do not have a problem in our department that money cannot solve," Winston said.

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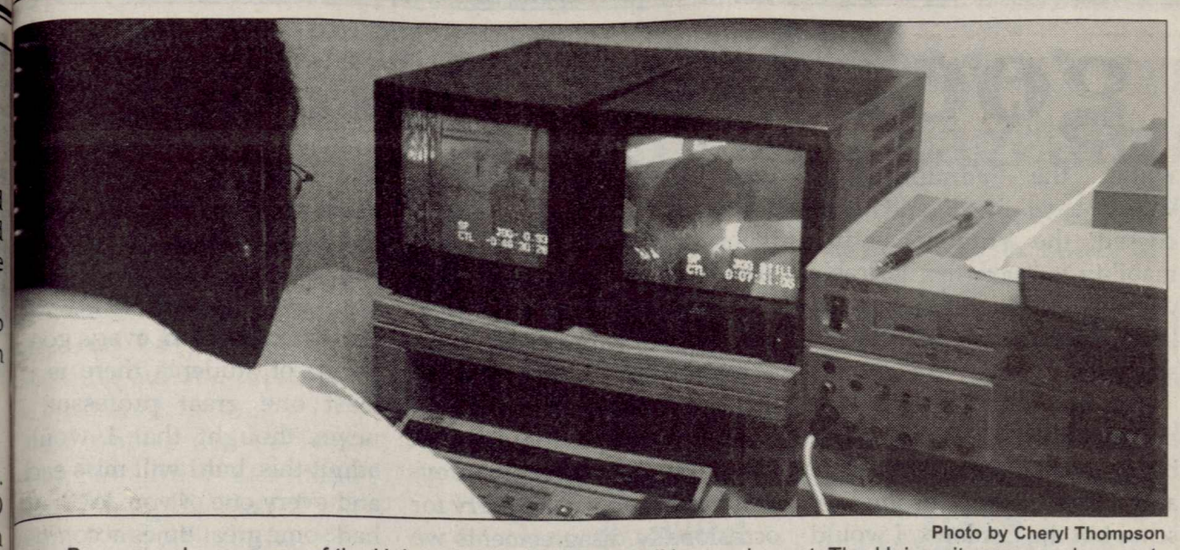

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

Tasha Braggs works on some of the University's analog video editing equipment. The University approved a grant of student money to upgrade the equipment to industry-standard high-tech digital.

NSU22 gets digital

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

The journalism department will be purchasing new electronic equipment for broadcast students with a grant approved by the Student Technology Advisory Team of the SGA.

The grant, approved two weeks ago, is for approximately $38,000 and is in addition to a grant that was approved in January for $20,443.

According to Mary Brocato, the coordinator of the broadcast journalism sequence at NSU, this money will be used to buy digital cameras, cassette recorders, editors, MiniDisc recorders and other electronic equipment in order to upgrade the technology available to broadcast students.

This year the NSU journalism program was nationally reaccredited by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). However, the AEJMC disapproved of the outdated analog media equipment that broadcast students were using.

"They told us that unless we were completely digital with our television station by the year 2005, we would not be reaccredited on the next go-round," Brocato said.

The journalism department is now going through a three-year process to upgrade all the equipment from analog to digital technology.

"We want to be on the cutting edge in broadcast journalism," Brocato said. "This is going to help the students get the hands on training in digital technology that they need to take with them into the real world of electronic journalism."

Greg Comeaux, SGA Speaker of the Senate and President-elect, was influential in the grant's approval. He said that this year $100,000 of the Student Technology budget was going to roll over into the next year.

When Brocato came to him with her proposal, he strongly favored using the money for the journalism department.

"Mrs. Brocato presented it to me in such a way that I really thought that journalism could use the money. When the committee met, I just argued in favor of it," Comeaux said. "I think we spent all but about $12,000, which is great because last year we had more of a rollover than that."

The new digital equipment is being purchased to benefit broadcast journalism students. However, because the purchase of this equipment is funded by Student Technology fees, it will be available to all NSU students.

However, Brocato stressed that students who want to use the equipment must demonstrate proficiency in using it.

"I can't just give a digital camera to someone who has never picked up a camera before," Brocato said.

Student use of the equipment will be regulated by a check-out system.

Band director takes sabbatical

By Kimberly Brammer
Sauce Reporter

The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band will be without the guidance of director Jeff Mathews for the 2003 football season.

Mathews, the director of athletic bands, will be going on a sabbatical that will last the entirety of the fall 2003 semester.

During his absence Mathews will begin working on his doctoral degree at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Although he will be back to NSU in the spring of 2004, Mathews will continue working on his doctorate in the summer.

"I'm excited," Mathews said. "How many people get a chance like this?"

It is indefinite as of now who will be directing the marching band in their upcoming season.

"I can promise that it's going to be a quality individual," Mathews said.

Whoever is chosen to fill the position will have the assistance of director of bands, Bill Brent.

The Spirit of Northwestern will be performing shows next fall ranging in styles from Latin to Hollywood. They are scheduled to perform a Latin show featuring Ernesto Lacuona's "Malaguena." They will also be performing arrangements from the motion picture "Chicago," and a few of the works of jazz musician Chick Corea later in the season.

ULM head coach arrested, resigns after DWI incident

By Candice Detillier
Sauce Reporter

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Indians lost their football program's head coach Mike Collins Friday when he was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Collins was driving his pick-up truck when he lost control of the vehicle, crashing into the front of a home early Friday morning. No one was injured.

According to ULM's newspaper, *The Pow Wow*, athletic director Bruce Hanks and ULM President James Cofer announced at a press conference later that day that Collins had resigned from his head coach position.

Collins did not attend the press conference, but he personally addressed his players at a private meeting.

After only being head football coach for one season, Collins handed in his resignation, which Cofer accepted.

"It is incomprehensible to me that an individual in a leadership position would act in this manner, and I regret the embarrassment to the ULM family," Cofer told *The Pow Wow*.

The Pow Wow also stated that Collins had written a letter that was read at the press conference voicing his own concerns.

"I have let this administration, its coaches and, most importantly, its players down," Collins wrote in his letter.

The Monroe newspaper, *The News Star*, stated that a new interim head coach, Tim Rebowe, has been named until a more permanent coach can be found.

A search committee has been formed to find ULM's third head football coach in seven months, with Bruce Hanks as the committee's head.

The committee consists of 11 members, including faculty and former athletes. No specific time has been set for the appointment of a new head coach.

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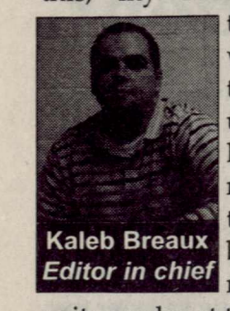

Kaleb Breaux
Editor in chief

When I sat down to write this, my final editorial, I thought I would have no trouble coming up with a really creative, nonvulgar way to say goodbye. Unfortunately, it didn't quite work out that way.

There are so many things I would like to say in the finale, but something tells me to just walk away quietly into the sunset. But for those of you who have read my editorials over the past year, you must know how hard it is for me to do that. What needs to be said and to whom does it need to be directed?

Maybe my last editorial should be written for the students. If it were directed at the students it would probably say something about how apathetic our student body is. I would probably make some witty reference about how nothing ever gets done and how no one--with the exception of some professors and a third of the SGA--cares about what goes on.

Or maybe I should write an editorial about how our student-assessed fees are wasted on events that are not reflective of our student body. It would include some interesting facts about our alleged rodeo team and their quest for roping the perfect goat. I would most likely mention the SAB's attempt to keep NSU's students content by offering free food every other month. I think I have covered that though.

How about this editorial idea: Oprah as a campus sniper? This is an editorial that would turn some heads. Can you imagine Oprah perched atop the Student Union shooting at me? I guess that's one way of dealing with our campus' problems. But then again an editorial involving the daytime talk show goddess and sniping probably would not fly well at NSU.

Or maybe an editorial question would serve us well. I have the perfect question. Why is it that if you are an inadequate educator or employee you are promoted and not fired? Come on you know who you are. Think of it like this, if a student is ill-disciplined, he or she maybe dismissed from the University. If it only worked the other way.

A final idea for my last editorial would have been something along the lines of how the students here are puppets controlled by the tightly tied strings of a greedy administration. It would have been a good idea to interview both students and University administrators to get an objective view on how NSU operates.

The students I may or may not have had interviewed would have complained about the slow construction of our IM building and also being kicked out of certain dormitories to make room for office space, while the administrators would have intelligently discussed the student body's inability to make the desirable decisions. Who knows what kind of debates this could have started.

Instead of complaining or making false accusations and biting attacks against students and administration of the best school in the Cenlatex, I would just like to say goodbye and thanks.

I come to you, the students and faculty of NSU, humbled by the experience you have allowed me to share with you. I know we have not always seen eye to eye, but I guess that is the best part about my job, the debating.

There are some people I would like to take this time to thank.

First I would like to thank my past editors: Shawn T. Hornsby, Josh Beavers and the late Rondray Hill, for giving me the chance to become what I have become today. Without their help, where would I be?

Second, I extend a warm thanks to the University President Randall Webb, Journalism Department Head Steve Horton and the entire department of journalism. Your encouragement and teachings have successfully guided me through my tenure as editor. I am forever in debt to you. And sorry for occasionally disagreements we shared.

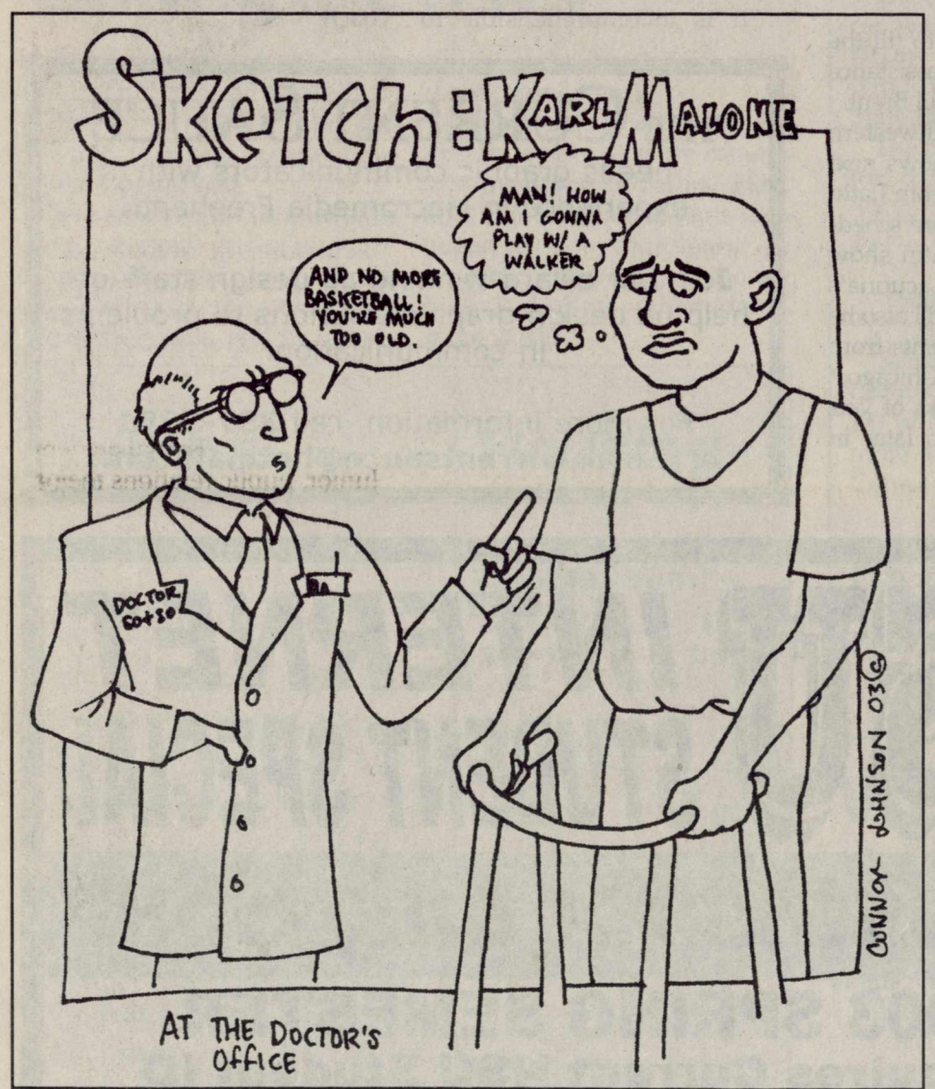
Third, I thank my three biggest fans: Alex and Karen Aichinger and Tommy Whitehead. Thanks for the support and laughs.

Next I would like to thank my family and friends. They have always been there, even when no one else wanted to stand by me. I have to admit, you have to be envious to not have this group of people on your side. Without the support of my family, friends and loved ones it would have been a rough year.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank my second family, the people I see everyday--the 2002-2003 *Current Sauce* staff. What an amazing group of students and young journalists. And we know that behind every good group of students there is at least one great professor. I never thought that I would admit this, but I will miss each and every one of you. We have had some great times accompanied by some long gut wrenching laughs. True, we have all had our differences, but they only drew us closer.

For those of you who are returning to the best student newspaper in the nation, I know you will do great things. May your Wednesday nights be brief and filled with lots of caffeine, South Park and undercooked, all-you-can-eat steaks.

So this is it; the end is here. Right about now the credits are rolling, the audience is leaving satisfied and the guy gets the girl. If it could only have been more creative.



Young girls need to use education tools to prevent pregnancy

By Jennifer Dowden
Guest Columnist

Dowden

Babies are having babies. This is 2003, and still one million women get pregnant every year. Something is wrong with this picture.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute in New York four out of five teenagers are sexually active. If this percentage is so high, why is there no education to prevent pregnancy.

This is America, a baby itself compared to the rest of the world, but it is time that taboo subjects like sex be a part of our everyday culture. A way to stop the pregnancy rate from rising or staying in limbo is to educate young people how to protect themselves. No longer can we hide the fact that sex goes on.

Most schools do have a sexuality education course but it only promotes abstinence. I had two courses that focused on this subject. The first was in 7' grade the other in 10'. The first course talked only of abstinence. The Advocates for Youth Foundation says this is ineffective because it fails to delay the onset of intercourse and give medically wrong information. A better, well-rounded program needs to be available to our children.

The United States needs to take lessons from other countries such as the Netherlands, where sexual education begins in preschool and is integrated into all subjects thereafter.

France is another country that promotes sexual education at an early age. According to the Advocates for Youth Foundation, France has a mandated policy for sexual education to start at age 13 and parents are prohibited form withdrawing their child. This guarantees that the child will be taught proper methods of protection.

The United States also needs to inform our teenagers that protection is available. It is a fact that it will happen so what not teach to protect. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports that 46 percent of students do not know that birth control pills can be obtained without parental consent and 21 percent do not know condoms can be bought without a parent. It is no wonder the United States leads in teen pregnancy rates. Everyone is too scared to educate.

Maybe people will read this and start to educate. The Annie E. Casey Foundation reports that du e to all the teen births, the United States shells out over $7 billion annually in lost tax revenues, public assistance, child health care, foster care and involvement in the criminal justice system. Money always makes people listen.

If only America could stand up and talk about sex, maybe this would stop. What needs to be done is education. Children are begging to be educated on sex. They are just as scared as the parents.

Even though the teen birth rate has declined over the last decade, it is still present. Help the leaders of the future and those to follow. Stand Up, Speak Loud, and Educate. You are today's parents. You can make a difference.

■ *Jennifer Dowden is a senior, public relations major at Northwestern State University. This is Dowden's first time as a guest columnist.*

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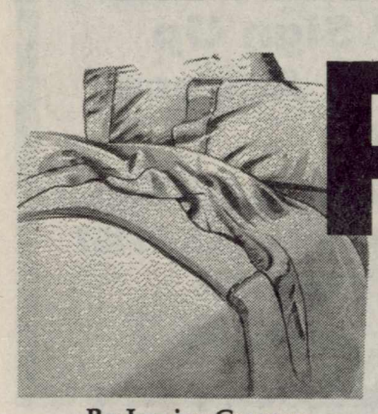

Pillow Talk

Good vibrations

By Jessica Cramer
Sauce Columnist

With summer just around the corner and long distance from your significant other growing further, I thought it might be a good time to talk about other means of extra-cirricular activities.

I'm talking about sex toys. They can be an asset to any relationship and a decent distraction from the absence of a relationship if you are a "singleton."

It might be a tad embarrassing to talk about sex toys or to purchase them, but it can be a powerful ego boost. You can be the sex goddess--or god--that you've always wanted to be, and all you need are a few Energizer batteries.

It can also be an enhancement to the monotony of every day sexual activity. Think about it. Every night, you climb into bed with your partner, kiss for a little bit and cop a feel or two, maybe exchange some oral activity, and get right down to the same old sex. Sure, you might throw in a new position occasionally, but how often have you thought that you might like to spice things up?

Sex toys could be your answer. Knowing when it's safe to introduce them into a relationship is the key.

You must be extremely comfortable, not only with your self, but with you partner and the status of the relationship as a whole. The best way to approach the subject is directly, but casually.

One night, following your usual routine, say, "hey, have you ever used a sex toy before?" Whatever your partner says, remember that you are opening this door. Your other half might have an inner freak you've never met, so be prepared for anything.

If he or she has used a toy in bed before, ask him or her what kind of a toy it was and how it was used. Again, be prepared for anything. I simply cannot stress that enough.

Evaluate it from there. If your partner's experience was tame, and yours wasn't, be gentle and take things slowly.

Browse some Websites or visit your local adult shop together.

Most importantly, communicate with each other. If your experiences were pretty randy, then start having some fun because I'm sure you both have a few favorites stashed in close proximity.

You may encounter a partner that is not receptive to the idea at all. Minds can be changed, but it will take a lot of trust on his or her part and a little bit of begging on yours. Ladies, if it is he isn't too keen on it initially, let him watch you play and see how much you enjoy it. Be sure to stroke his ego and tell him the toys are no substitute for the real thing.

Men, if you are broaching the subject and she doesn't seem too into the idea, you will have to resort to begging and gift buying.

Whatever you do, just keep an open mind about it. Using toys doesn't have to mean whips and chains and handcuffs (unless that's your thing), but it can be an enhancement to any relationship and a welcome diversion when your partner is away.

Some Websites to check out for more information and product description are: www.goodvibes.com, www.somethingsexyplanet.com, both have product descriptions, educational information and online stores with discreet shipping.

The Website www.sexuality.org/sextoys.html is a Seattle-based society for human sexuality with a detailed sex toy directory.

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Walker third LOB contestant to compete in Miss Louisiana pageant

By Tasha N. Braggs
Sauce Reporter

Pageants started as something fun but turned into something out of a dream for one NSU student.

Kelli Walker will be competing for Miss Louisiana after winning the Miss Cenla on April 5 in Alexandria. She is a native of New Orleans and began working in pageants at Belle Chasse High.

"I did a couple of pageants in high school just for fun and to make memories with my friends," Walker said.

Walker said that her parents, Jonathan and Clarissa Walker, are excited and they support her. Walker has one brother named Kyle.

"Kyle is like my dad," Walker said. "He is excited for me but just doesn't show it. We are very supportive of each other."

Walker's father is a manager at a machine shop and her mother works there as well. Walker said she still keeps her dream burning through moral support and working hard.

" I don't come from a lot of money and it is tough because Ms. Louisiana has such a massive wardrobe," Walker said. "A lot of people in my family and the community are coming together to buy different things I need for the pageant."

Walker also competed in the 2003 Lady of the Bracelet Pageant.

> *"I cried for a week when I won Miss Cenla, if I win Ms. Louisiana I'd probably cry for a year."*
>
> -Kelli Walker
> Senior, political science major

Since LOB, Walker said that she has become more comfortable with the stage.

"The hardest thing was the swim suit competition," Walker said. "It is fine on a beach but when you're on a stage and being judged you it can feel intimidating."

Walker said that she will do the same speech she wrote for LOB for Ms. Louisiana.

"I have piano and dance experience but that is what other people have," Walker said. "I want to stand out and show off two creativities in one."

Walker's platform for the pageant is youth safety awareness. She began working with the National Organization For Youth Safety in high school by becoming the youth representative for the organization. Walker said that is directed to people under the age of 21. Some of the things the organization deals are drinking and driving and also promotes how important it is for others to wear a seat belt.

"I hope the audience will get more knowledge of why this is so important," Walker said.

Walker said that if she actually won Ms. Louisiana it would be amazing.

"I cried for a week when I won Miss Cenla, if I win Ms. Louisiana I'd probably cry for a year, "Walker said.

Aside from pageant life, Walker is a political science major and a part of the Scholars' College.

"I love Scholars' because it is challenging," Walker said. "It makes you assume responsibilities and priorities."

Walker said she plans to graduate in May 2004 and go on to graduate school and law school. She plans to work in international relations and one day become president.

Walker will be interning for Rep. Billy Tauzin, the Southeast, La representative, in Washington D.C. Walker said that she will be doing secretarial work for Tauzin.

"It is something to get my foot in the door of working in politics," Walker said.

When Walker is not doing pageants or studying, she enjoys hanging out with her 16 -pound cat named Stripes.

"I want to be known as the girl that stands out and does things that are unusual."

'Parade' to begin Saturday

By Levi Petree
Sauce Reporter

The NSU theater department is getting ready to open the doors for its annual musical production.

Scott Burrell, the play's director, hopes that the play's title will not give people the wrong impression of what to expect.

"It's not a typical musical and it's certainly not lighthearted entertainment," Burrell said. "I chose to do this show because I wanted to do something with meaning and something that would have a big message."

"Parade" is a true story centered around the trial of Leo Frank, a Jewish man accused of murdering 13-year-old Mary Phagan in his pencil factory.

The murder occurs on the annual Memorial Day parade in the year 1913. The parade is used as the symbol that marks the passing of the years through the story.

> *"It is an exciting, dramatic musical. It's very powerful."*
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> -Mollye Otis
> Musical Director for Parade

Frank is not the likely suspect in the case but he is easily made the scapegoat because he is an outsider. In 1913, Frank's case was referred to as the "Trial of the Century". Many years later, after Frank had died, the state of Georgia granted him a pardon because of an unfair trial. His name was never cleared of the crime.

Mike Batusic, a senior in the NSU theater department, will be playing Leo Frank.

"This is really exciting for me since it will be my last show here and it's also one of the best musicals to be produced in the last five years," Batusic said. "I've done so much research on the trial and Leo Frank that I probably could have done a great job of defending him in court."

Mollye Otis, the play's musical director, thinks that the music in the show will be a draw for the audiences.

"It is an exciting, dramatic musical. It's very powerful," Otis said. "It has the quality of making you care deeply for the characters in the story and it's going to challenge the students to think but they will also walk out of the theater with something of substance."

"Parade"

When: April 26-29, 7:30 p.m.
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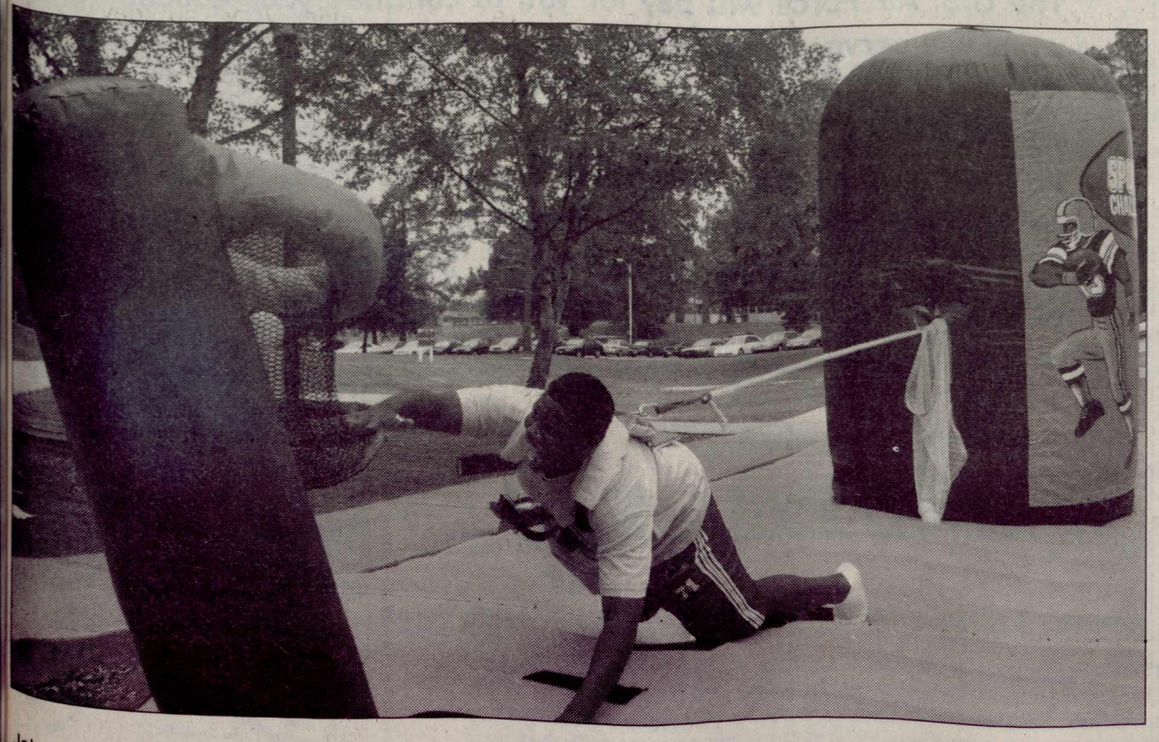

John Ivry, freshman criminal justice major, tests his strengths at the NBA Sports Challenge yesterday.

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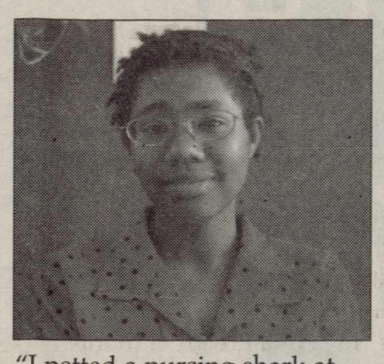
Q&A: What was your best memory from spring break?



"I petted a nursing shark at the Aquarium of the Americas and saw a fish taller than me."

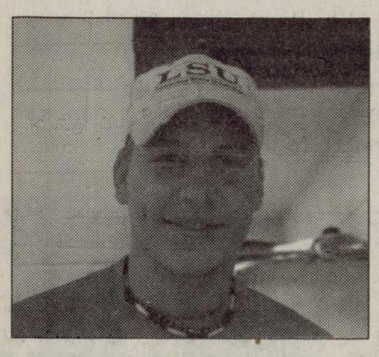
-Zenanra Smith
Sophomore, art major

"I decided to become a stripper in Mexico...not really."

-Ciel Dafford
Junior, humanities and social thought major

"My boyfriend getting his head shaved by other members of the Crew team at SIRA or that ... triathlon."

-Ashley Samson
Freshman, psychology major



"I shot my vacuum cleaner six times with a shotgun in my house."

-Joe Morgan
Sophomore, business administration major

"My roommate and I went out to Bourbon Street, and in one of the clubs I had an Englishman on my bum."

-Ashlie Fisher
Junior, elementary education major

"It was very sad. My brother ran over our puppy when he was backing out of the yard. It's okay, though. The puppy was running around the house the next day chasing the cat."

-Robyn Selders
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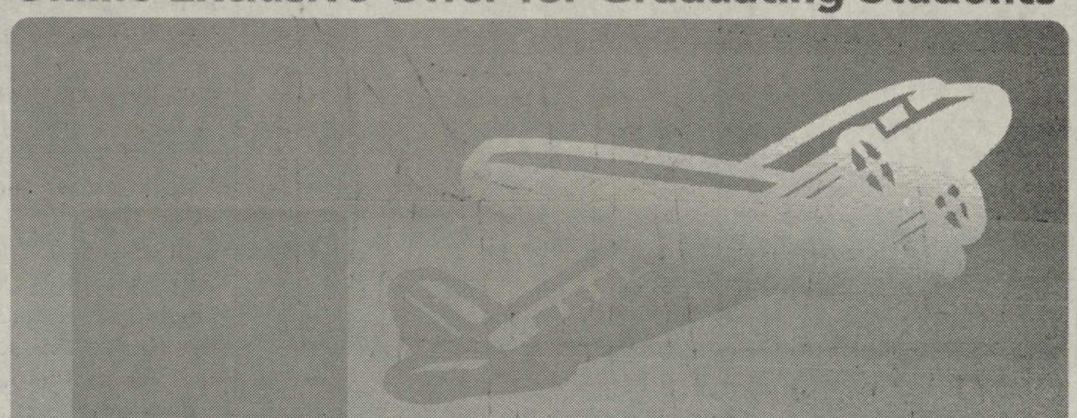

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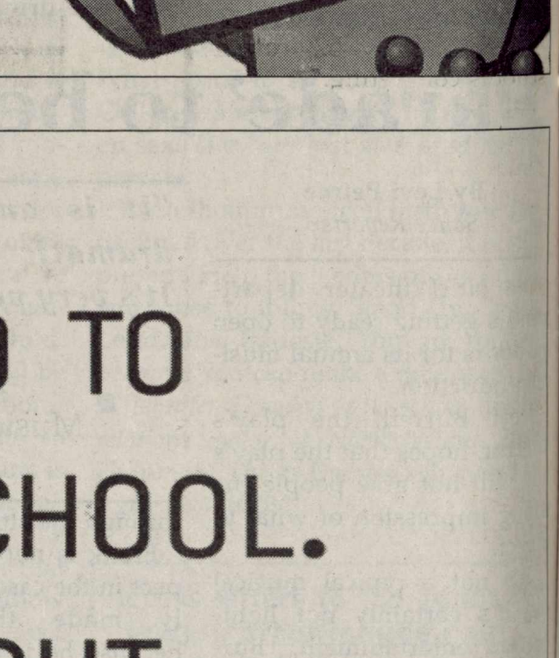

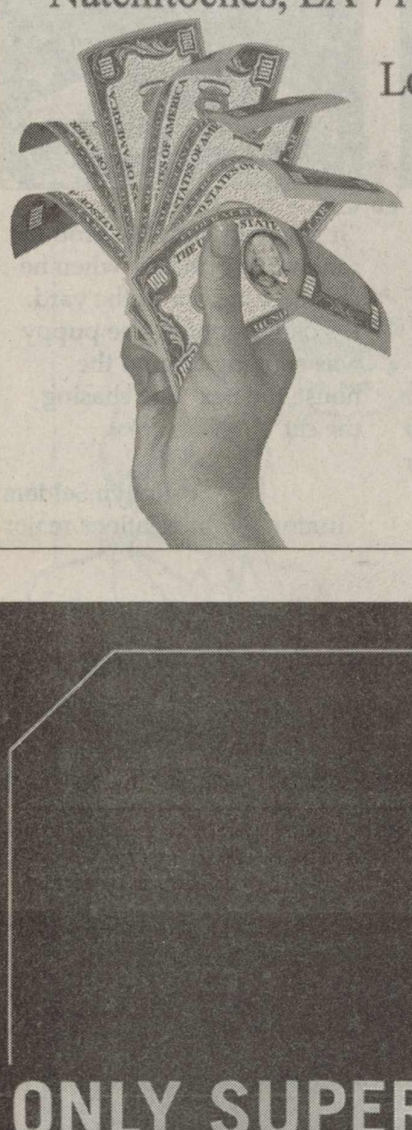

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Crew ends season strong at SIRA

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State crew recently competed at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship and against a case of food poisoning.

The novice men's four boat made it to the B finals but had to withdraw because two of the four rowers were ill after dinner at a Mexican restaurant.

Besides the bout with food poisoning, the Demon crew had a strong outing, though none won a medal.

The varsity lightweight men's four boat finished fourth out of 10 lightweight boats while the varsity men's open weight four boat finished fourth in the A/B heat race.

"It was the most exciting race I've been to and the race was really close and overall just fun to row at SIRA," lightweight rower Richard Lynch said.

The varsity men's open weight four then finished sixth in the B finals race.

On the women's side of the crew, the varsity women's four finished fourth in the C/D final. The novice women's open weight four finished third in the C final.

Head coach Alan Pasch said that the team did well and that only two other times in the past a boat has medal at SIRA.

"We didn't get beat because we rowed poorly, it was because we got beat by better crews," Pasch said. "There were 52 other schools competing."

Up next for the crew is the Dad Vails championship in Philadelphia on May 10.

Only two boats are heading to the city of brotherly love; the men's pair and the novice men's open weight four boat.

Novice men's rower Josh Best said it is awesome that he will be rowing at the Dad Vails.

"I'm just really excited rowing in Philadelphia especially if you think about it on a national scale," Best said. "I hope we do well because the boat is dedicated to competing hard."

We have a really good chance at the Dad Vails and have a definite chance to compete against other colleges at Dad Vails," NSU crew president and pair rower Seth Fornea said.

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Weird injuries abound in baseball

By Kevin Baxter
Courtesy of KRT Campus

Milwaukee Brewers first baseman Richie Sexson pulled a muscle stretching a new cap. San Diego Padres pitcher Jay Witasick hurt his arm taking out the trash. Atlanta Braves left-hander Mike Hampton, who strained his right calf in a treadmill accident, reinjured himself stepping out of the shower. And St. Louis Cardinals minor-leaguer Mike Crudale broke his toe answering the phone.

Anyone who suspects professional baseball players are not finely conditioned world-class athletes need only turn to the injury reports for evidence some are brittle or not the brightest bulbs on the tree.

The poster child for the latter could be Baltimore Orioles outfielder Marty Cordova, who missed a game last year after falling asleep in a tanning bed and burning his face, or Braves reliever John Smoltz, who burned himself while ironing a shirt _ which he was wearing.

Marlins strength coach Dale Torborg, a former minor-league first baseman and professional wrestler, doesn't buy either argument. Baseball players never have been as fit as they are now, he said, and the kind of freak injuries that sidelined Witasick and Crudale happen to thousands of people every day. It's just that nobody notices when a cap-stretching injury sidelines an accountant or a Wal-Mart greeter.

"Everybody has weird injuries," Torborg said. "People get hurt doing silly, stupid things. There's no rhyme or reason."

But there are clues. Couches, for instance, seem to figure prominently in several baseball injuries. Arizona's Mark Grace broke his toe on one last season while rushing across the clubhouse to congratulate teammate Damian Miller on making the All-Star team. And pitcher Ricky Bones strained his back getting off a couch in the Marlins clubhouse.

Players also should avoid sleep. Former San Francisco Giant Chris Brown didn't play in a game once after he "slept on his eye wrong."

All of which proves his point, Torborg said.

Ordinary activities can topple even extraordinary people. As an example, he cites the case of former minor-league teammate Brian Buchanan, a Miami native now with the Padres.

While trying to beat a close play at first, Buchanan hit the base wrong "and his foot came off," Torborg said. "It was still in the shoe when they got to him."

The break was so severe, the bone between the ankle and the shin had detached Buchanan's foot.

"Throughout the season, thousands of times people run down to first base and nothing ever happens. But the freak ones do," Torborg said.

Still, several baseball players just don't look like athletes. Maybe that's the problem. For every finely **chiseled** Gerald Williams, there are a dozen pear-shaped Armando Reynosos. That, too, is misleading, Torborg said.

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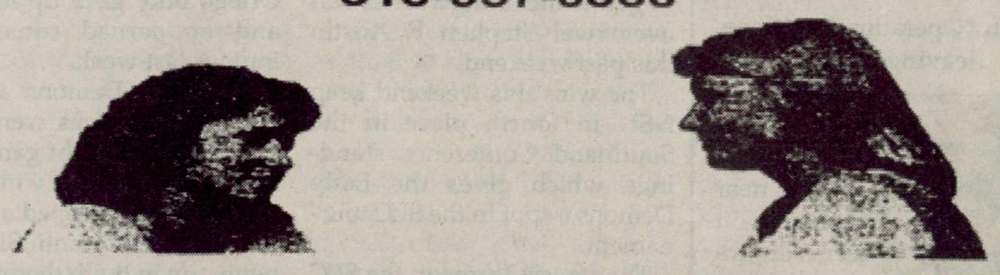

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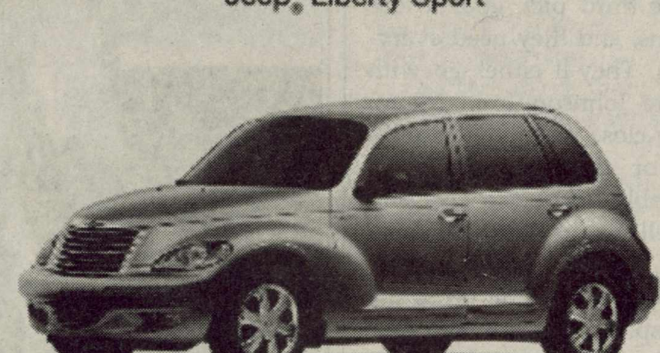

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The way I see it: NFL Draft

By Adam Parker
Sauce Staff

With "Operation Iraqi Freedom" leaving little to no doubt of a selective service draft in the near future, it seems appropriate to turn our attention to the other important drafts in life. Draft beer, final drafts of papers and the most important of all, the NFL draft.

Parker

Yes, the NFL draft, the surefire producer of overpaid and underachieving NFL prospects, and the gold mine of hardworking players just waiting to be unearthed.

The Bengals hold the first pick, and will likely use it to select Carson Palmer from Southern Cal.

While he did have a productive senior season with the Trojans, the Pac-10 wasn't that strong, with maybe two or three good teams to test Palmer's mettle. Palmer does have a strong, accurate arm, has typical NFL quarter back size, and even ran a 4.65 in the 40-yard dash.

With the second pick, the Lions will most likely select Charles Rogers out of Michigan State.

He plays like Randy Moss of the Vikings, minus 2 inches in height, but with more physical ability. He's even had questions about excessive water in his urine during his drug test at the Combine, a sign of trying to mask drugs in the test. At least Randy will have somebody to get high with up in the Great Lakes area.

The third pick goes to the Texans, and they need everything. They'll either go with Andre Johnson from Miami (very close to Rogers in ability), or they'll go defense, probably with defensive end Terrell Suggs from Arizona State.

They could trade up to the first spot in the draft and pick up Rogers before the Lions do, but my bet is on Johnson, who they like just as much.

The Bears have the fourth pick, and they have been said to cover Dewayne Robertson, a defensive tackle from Kentucky.

They really need a quarterback though, and if Palmer falls because of the continued moronic drafting of the Bengals, the Bears will pick up Palmer.

Bill Parcells and the Cowboys need help everywhere, and I could easily see their fifth pick being traded.

Likely candidates would be the Saints, the Jets or a team that can give Jerry Jones enough to drop down and still get who he wants, like the Roy Williams scenario last year.

The Saints will probably send the No. 17 pick and a second rounder to the Vikings for No. 7 to pick, when they'll take Marcus Trufant.

If the Cowboys keep the pick, it'll be a QB or a corner back, but I think they'll take a CB, probably Terrence Newman from Kansas St., despite recent questions about a past shoulder injury.

SLC tournament: No travel required?

Lady Demons could host and play in this years SLC tourney on the Demon Diamond

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons are enjoying late season success winning 21 out of 31 games including a series win over rival Stephen F. Austin this past weekend.

The wins this weekend keep NSU in fourth place in the Southland Conference standings which gives the Lady Demons a spot in the SLC tournament.

The top six teams in the SLC gain a berth into the tournament that will be held at Demon Diamond complex May 2-4.

NSU (23-28 overall, 12-12 in SLC) started off the Easter weekend splitting a doubleheader on Friday and then finishing the sweep on Saturday 1-0. NSU won the first game of the twin bill 3-0 and lost the second game 5-1.

Senior pitcher Amanda Ortego led the way for the Lady Demons on Friday pitching a two-hit shutout that helped her nab Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week. Ortego only gave up four hits and no earned runs in 12 innings last week.

The Lady Demons and the Lady Lumberjacks went to 11 innings in the night game with SFA pulling out the win.

The teams swapped a pair of runs in the 10th until SFA hit a home run in the 11th giving the Lady Lumberjacks a four run lead that NSU could not come back from.

Crista Miller threw a four-hit shutout that helped NSU pick up the series win on Saturday. Sarina Noack scored the lone run on a fielding error in third as Miller only allowed one hitter to reach third and held SFA hitless after the third inning.

Offensively, NSU has two batters in the top ten of batting averages. Outfielder Lindsey Danzy is third with a .385 average and outfielder Noack is in sixth place with a .358 average.

Ortego

Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week, Ortego, gave up only four hits and no earned runs in 12 innings last week

Danzy and Noack are also in the top five in hits with 62 and 57. Nicole Martin is second in the SLC with 25 stolen bases.

The Lady Demons also boast three pitchers in the top 10 of ERA. Loni Rasberry is third in the conference with a 1.43 ERA. Rounding out the top 10 is Ortego at ninth with an ERA of 2.11 and Miller at tenth with an ERA of 2.24.

The win keeps NSU at fourth place in the SLC standings with a good chance of moving up to third place this weekend.

The Lady Demons will travel to last place UT-San Antonio. Northwestern State could also lock up a tournament berth if SFA losses one game against UT-Arlington, who has already locked up the No. 1 seed for the tournament.

The SLC tournament is double-elimination with the winner getting an NCAA tournament spot. NSU advanced to its third NCAA Tournament in five seasons last year by winning the conference tournament.

The McGee Draft Saga

NFL draft day: On a long list of collegiate stars, a lone Demon stands out to the pros

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Staff

With the NFL draft coming up this Saturday many teams in the National Football League have their eyes on stars from schools like Michigan State University and University of Miami, but believe it or not many of those eyes have recently turned to NSU.

Graduating Demon cornerback and special teams specialist Terrence McGee has gained the attention of quite a few professional football teams including the Green Bay Packers, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Giants.

Many of the teams have contacted Terrence to confirm his phone numbers and availability on draft day, but a few have personally come to Natchitoches to meet with him.

Both the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Giants brought their coaches and general managers to Turpin Stadium to have Terrence undergo workouts to test his skills, but no teams have given any kind of definite answer as to if they will draft him.

"Right now I'm feeling more nervous because I don't know what round I'll go in or which teams are really feeling me the most," McGee said.

Although Terrence has been looked at by many teams there is no guarantee he will be drafted at all.

Terrence's best chance to go in his projected third or fourth round is for a few defensive backs to be drafted in the first two rounds and according to ESPN's mock draft, he may have the shot he needs.

The mock draft projects six defensive backs to go in the first round alone, which may allow Terrence's name to jump up on the list of draftees in later rounds.

Terrence says however that those who may be in competition against him have not worried him.

"It's less stressful for me to not worry about them," McGee said. "If I draft, I draft."

However, head football coach Scott Stoker says he thinks McGee has a good chance.

"If those teams are going to come down here and work him out personally then they are obviously not playing around," Stoker said.

Terrence said he has another way of reducing his stress level on draft day. Unlike many draftees, he does not plan to watch the draft with his family on Saturday.

"I don't want to be around everyone asking questions if I don't go in the third round," McGee said. "But if it happens I'll get the call on my cell phone so it's all good."

No matter what happens though, Terence is ready for anything that may happen.

"I wouldn't mind if it's Green Bay," Terrence said. "As long as it's a chance to play in the NFL."

By Gary Hardamon
McGee swats at a pass during last year's first round playoff game against Montana.

Swingin' Demons end five-game losing streak

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

With a five-game losing streak on their tail, the NSU Demon baseball team stepped up over the past two weeks to claim eight wins in nine games.

The winning spree started off well as the Demons won their series against Sam Houston State University.

In the first game of the series the Demons were down 1-0 until the fourth inning. In that inning they managed four runs ultimately winning the game 5-3.

Game two, however, was not as good for the Demons. The Bearkats took the game in the bottom of the eighth inning scoring five runs and winning 4-6.

In the final game of the series he Demons and the Bearkats battled through 12 innings. The 7-7 score in the seventh inning was held through to the 12th inning where the Demons scored two and the Bearkats one giving the game to the Demons 9-8.

The bats came alive in the Demons following game against Texas Southern.

Grand slams by freshmen Will Junkin and Brandon Morgan, along with a three-run homer from senior Stephen Adams led the Demons to their 15-4 win over the Tigers.

Last weekend's series against McNeese was big help for the Demons as well. The Demons swept the Cowboys three games to none.

Games one and two were both led by the batters as Josh Boop and Michael Palermo's hits aided in the first win and Jeff Martin's squeeze bunt in the ninth inning scored the winning run of game two.

Both games were wins for the Demons with a game one score of 7-2 and a game two score of 4-3.

Game three against McNeese brought was the time for the Demon pitching to shine.

Senior pitcher Casey Johnson pitched his third complete game Sunday night boosting his record to 5-2. Johnson allowed only two runs in six hits while striking out eight Cowboys during the game.

By Gary Hardamon
Brandon Morgan is congratulated by teammates after his grand slam.

The Demons took game three with a score of 4-2.

Complete games seemed to be in style among the Demon pitchers as junior pitcher Brian Daly pitched his first complete game the following night against Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Daly allowed only one run on five hits winning the game 8-1.

In the final game against Centenary Tuesday night, the Demons capped off a seven game win streak beating the Gents 8-2.

Pitcher Josh Dencausse started of the game no hitter though five innings before allowing two hits in the sixth inning.

The Demons allowed two runs to score in the game but ultimately beat the Gents 8-2.

Later this week the Demons will have a chance to increase their winning streak as they play Southwest Texas in a three game series this weekend.

Lapeyrouse hired as assistant coach

Courtesy of Sports Information

David Lapeyrouse, whose wide ranging soccer coaching experience included a two-year stint at Division II power Belmont-Abbey College, is the new women's soccer assistant coach at Northwestern State.

His hiring has been approved by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System. It was announced by Northwestern head coach Jimmy Mitchell, who last fall steered Northwestern to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in his four seasons as head coach.

Lapeyrouse has been involved in coaching soccer at the select level, the state select (Olympic Development Program), the high school level, the collegiate level and as a club director, managing 20 teams.

Since May 2001, he served as director of coaching for the Gaston United Soccer Club in Gastonia, N.C., where he oversaw administration of 20 club teams

From August 2001, Lapeyrouse was the men's goalkeeper coach and an assistant women's coach for the soccer programs at Belmont-Abbey, where Mitchell served as head coach prior to taking over the Demons in 1999.

Last November, Lapeyrouse was named to the North Carolina Olympic Development Program coaching staff, helping to train and evaluate boys and girls who formed the state's select teams.

In the 2000-01 school year, he was an administrative assistant at the Gaston Day School in Gastonia, serving as head coach of the boys and girls varsity and the junior high girls soccer teams.

Lapeyrouse also played collegiately at Belmont-Abbey from 1996-2000.

He replaces Mandy Cromwell, who resigned earlier this year after two seasons as the assistant coach.

"David is a great followup to Mandy, who did a wonderful job for our program," Mitchell said. "I've known David for seven years and couldn't be happier that he's part of our program at Northwestern."

Rio native signs with volleyball

Courtesy of Sports Information

Isabela Duarte of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Northwestern State, head coach Leigh Davis announced on Tuesday.

Duarte, a 5-10 outside hitter, played at Seward County Community College in Kansas this past season where she led her team to a fifth place finish at the Junior College National Tournament.

"Isabela will be a big asset to our program," Davis said. "In trying to improve our standing in the Southland Conference, we need to continue to recruit players like Isabela. She is a good student and will be able to help our team immensely."

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SGA wrangles with rodeo team

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

Last week the SGA passed a bill that will allow students to vote on whether or not to continue financially supporting the NSU Rodeo Team.

As part of the student self-assessed fees, the rodeo team receives one dollar from every full time student each semester. Students will vote next fall whether the team will continue receiving these funds.

The bill was written by SGA senators Scott Manguno and Alan Sypert.

Manguno said that the student fees received by the rodeo team have not been reviewed since the early '70s and that the bill was designed to give students the opportunity to do so.

"In the '70s rodeo was really big. It was much like the crew team is now. It was the club sport to do, but there has been a shift in time. We feel that it's time to give the students a choice if they want to continue to pay that dollar," Manguno said.

The NSU crew team is the other club sport that receives student self-assessed fees. It receives two dollars from every full time student each semester.

Manguno said the crew team's funding is not being reviewed because informal polls conducted by the SGA indicate that the bill would be passed in the crew team's favor.

"That doesn't mean that it will not get brought up in the future," Manguno said.

Sypert also said that the polls indicated that many students are unaware of the rodeo team's existence.

"Half of the people didn't even know we had a rodeo team, much less that they were paying a dollar to it," Sypert said.

The rodeo team's faculty advisor, Jack Pace, said that the team does not have an apparent presence on campus due to a lack of on-campus facilities. Animals and equipment used by the rodeo team must be stored off campus at the individual student's expense.

Pace also said that unlike other schools such as Nicholls, NSU does not offer scholarships to rodeo team participants.

"We've never had the money to give scholarships, but we do try to help with the students' travel expenses. We participate in 10 rodeos each year," Pace said.

Pace said that he is concerned that the students will not vote on the rodeo team's behalf.

"With the current trend in the last three to four years with fees going up every semester, I think the mood of most students would be not to vote anything upon themselves," Pace said. "If we lose this money, it will basically dissolve us."

Manguno and Sypert also said that although it was not the reason for the bill's proposal, the SGA has had problems with the rodeo team turning in budget sheets and attending Gavel Club meetings.

In the actual bill, however, it was mentioned that the rodeo team had not fulfilled all of the SGA's requests.

"We have yet to see how the rodeo team's money is being spent because no budget has been turned in," Sypert said

Pace said that he was aware of his students missing Gavel Club meetings. However, he said that the rodeo team has always turned in their budgets to the business department and that the SGA had not previously contacted him about any problems.

Pace said that the first time the SGA contacted him was

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Media heads elected

By Britton Faucon
Sauce Reporter

Four new editors were chosen at the SGA meeting Monday night.

Two applicants ran unopposed in the editorial election. Garrett Guillotte, a senior print journalism major, is the new editor for the Current Sauce. For the second year in a row, Warner Tureaud, a junior broadcast journalism major, is the general manager for 91.7 KNWD, the Demon.

The new editor for the Potpourri, NSU's yearbook, is Christine Harper. Harper is a junior broadcast journalism major.

Angelin Adams, a junior English major, was elected to the position of editor of *Argus*, NSU's literary magazine.

Chairman of the Media Board Jerry Pierce said he was relieved there was variety this year among the applicants.

"I was very impressed with the applicants for all positions. These are some of the best applicants we have ever had," Pierce said.

All applicants appear before the media board at NSU prior to SGA approval. The media board consists of nine members: five students, three faculty members and the SGA president.

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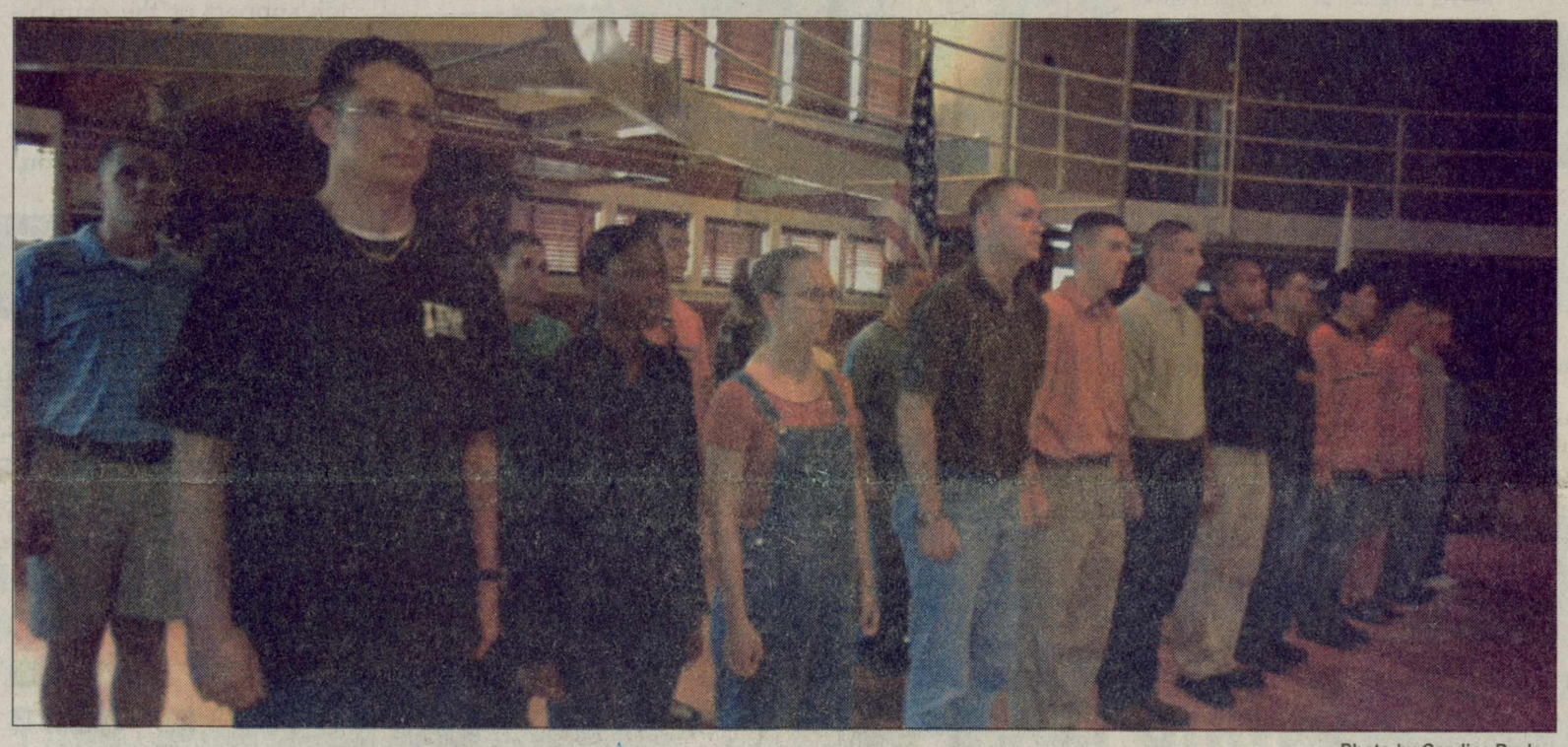

Photo by Candice Pauley

Cadets wait to recieve awards at the National Center for Preservation Training and Technology Thursday afternoon.

ROTC graduates prepare for future

By Tisha May
Sauce Reporter

Most graduates will tell you that they have no clue as to what they will be doing after graduation.

This is not the case with ROTC graduates who will graduate from NSU on May 9.

Each of the graduates will work with some form of the military until it is time for their Officer Basic Course or OBC.

ROTC Public Affairs Officer Tometrius Greer said OBC teaches each cadet the skills necessary to be a leader in their occupational branch.

"This ranges from classes ensuring troops get paid to managing troops and equipment to achieve decisive victory on the battlefield," said Greer.

"After each cadet completes the course, they will be sent to units deployed all over the world including the ones currently participating in operations Iraqi and Enduring freedom," said Greer.

For profiles of graduating ROTC cadets, see page 2

Argus delayed again

By LaTosha Lewis
Sauce Reporter

NSU's student literary magazine, *Argus*, which was supposed to be available on campus over a week ago, will not come out by the end of the semester.

The *Argus* staff anticipated an earlier release date this semester, but technical problems involving the printing process have caused a delay, said Louisiana Technical College print shop manager Charlie Mann.

The problem is that the *Argus* staff used a different kind of computer than the print shop.

Mann said the problem occurred in converting the saved material from the magazine's disk onto the print shop's computers.

"It wasn't anybody's fault," he said, "It's just a technical problem." "This year I accept blame."

On the other hand, the *Argus* staff had contrasting comments about Mann's explanation for the delays.

Argus adviser Julie Kane said that when the magazine was submitted to Mann on Feb. 28, he assured the staff

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Dead birds spark West Nile scare

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

Two birds were found dead on the NSU main campus by two art students on the morning of April 21 as the season for West Nile returns.

The birds tested negative for the virus, which is often heralded by dead birds and is spread to humans through mosquitos that feed from infected animals.

The students, senior art major Johnna Owecki and sophomore art major Zenaura Smith, found the dead birds on their way to class around 7 a.m.

Both students were passing by the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) building. Owecki said the birds were in the grass between the old and new wings of the CAPA building.

Smith said she came upon the birds first. As she was walking to class she saw one of the birds laying on its side and another sitting up next to it. Smith said her first thought was that they were companions, but when she got closer she realized that the birds were two different species.

"One was just kind of sitting there, but not moving. It was just sitting there with no broken wing, not run over, it looked fine but it wasn't moving," Smith said.

"I came up on her as she put them on her drawing pad so she wouldn't have to be holding them," Owecki said.

Owecki was walking by the CAPA building when she saw Smith tending to the dead birds. She and Smith immediately went to turn the birds in. Owecki said she drove Smith and the birds to the back parking lot of the Watson Library. Smith took the birds to Bienvenu Hall and turned them in to Assistant Professor of Biology Rae Osborn.

According to the Official Website for the Louisiana Department of Public Health, people should contact their local Parish Health Unit for more information on West Nile.

When called, the Natchitoches Health Department said that they are not allowed to disclose any information regarding West Nile, and directed the call to the Natchitoches Environmental Department. The environmental department said the same thing, they are not allowed to disclose any information about West Nile.

A doctor referred to the *Sauce* by the Natchitoches Environmental Department said that birds have been found in many, if not all, parishes in the state and that none have tested positive so far for West Nile. She also said that no humans have tested positive for West Nile either.

According to the Louisiana Office of Public Health Website, West Nile is a mosquito-borne disease. A mosquito feeds off an infected bird and in turn infects other birds, animals, and people when they feed off them.

Handling dead animals already infected with the disease cannot infect people.

Some of the symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands for the milder cases, and high fever, headache,

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Wellness Center Watch

A quick look at work on the campus' new intramural complex

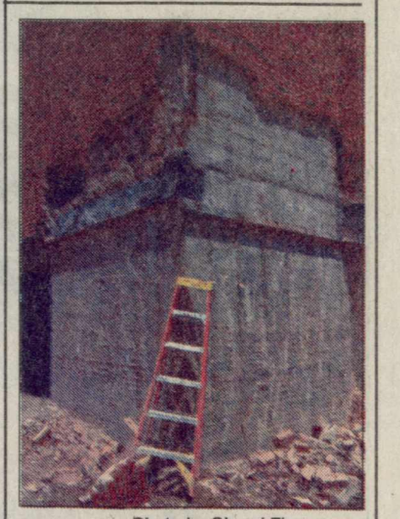

Photo by Cheryl Thompson

A ladder leans against the remains of an IM wall Wednesday.

Weekend Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Isolated Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy

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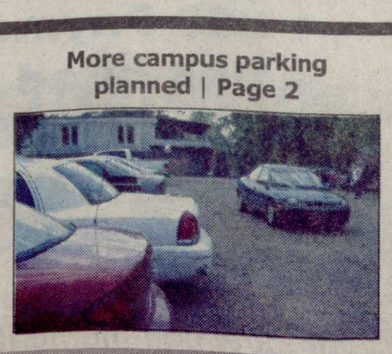

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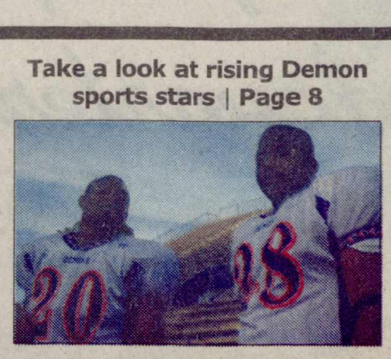

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NSU's ROTC Graduates

Pete Almirez
Age: 30
"I started because I wanted to take care of my family."

Jeremy Boudreaux
Age: 22
"I always wanted to join the Army. I just waited until a year of college to do so."

Raymond Bijolle
Age: 30
"I decided to join ROTC in order to expand my career opportunities."

Michael Duval
Age: 22
"I joined the National Guard to pay for school, and I like the concept and the discipline of being in the National Guard."

Amy Glasscock
Age: 23
"My husband enlisted and I saw a need for helping soldiers and their families. I found out about ROTC and received an ROTC scholarship while at NSU."

Michael Goodknight
Age: 23
"It feels good to graduate and I'm looking forward to going on active duty and serving my country."

Jody Harlow
Age: 23
"I was looking for a career and a way to pay for college."

Margaret Marcello
Age: 23
"I'm looking forward to graduating and getting out of Louisiana."

Jacob Scroggins
Age: 23
"I always wanted to serve in the United States Army Infantry, Hooah!"

Bridget Washington
Age: 34
"For lack of a better word, I was a dirt bag.. Then, I enlisted in the Army and remained there for 10 years before joining the ROTC program at NSU."

Frederick West
Age: 23
West said he always wanted to be in the military. As a graduate, he looks forward to being in the Army. After graduation, West will go to Fort Lewis in Washington, DC.

Photo by Candice Pauley
Cars park in a popular unofficial parking lot Tuesday afternoon.

NSU plans more parking

Courtesy of NSU News Bureau

Although project startup times are unknown, NSU plans to add a new parking lot near A.A. Fredericks Auditorium and expand existing lots at the Alumni Center and Bienvenu Hall.

Sixty-five parking spots will also be added near the Health and Human Performance Building to ease parking problems at the University Columns.

The University will also make street repairs beginning with the streets behind Sabine Hall and Bienvenu Hall. NSU has signed an agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury allowing a parish "pot hole truck" to repair campus streets.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Spanish Club

Salsa Night was a success! Thanks to all who participated in this event. Officers have been elected for the fall. Thanks to all members for a productive semester.

For more information, see Comfort Pratt in 314-E Kyser or call 357-5590.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 60 is looking for a few good leaders. Men and women, 18 or older, may serve in a ny position. Leaders and assistant leaders will have a "den" of 5-8 boys and meet once a week.

For more information, call Karen at 932-4640.

Fashion Extravaganza

The St. Matthew Baptist church of Saline will host a Fashion Extravaganza on May 24 at Lakeview Junior/Senior High School in Campti.

The event will feature entertainment from Prodigal Soldiers of Natchitoches. Proceeds will be used to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors and provide support ot the church's community outreach ministry.

Deadline for registration is May 9. Registration fees are $15 per participant, and admissions are $2 per person.

Financial Aid

Today is the priority deadline for all students to have their financial aid papers complete and in the Office of Student Financial Aid for processing aid for the 2003/04 academic year.

For more information, call the office at 357-5961 or go by Roy Hall 103.

Potpourri

NSU's yearbook, the *Potpourri*, will distribute today and Friday at Room 227 in Kyser Hall. Distribution starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 3:30 p.m.

To claim a book, please have your student ID. Students that paid self-assessed fees in the fall can claim a copy of the *Potpourri*.

Please note that no yearbooks will be distributed before 11 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. If you cannot pick up a yearbook at these times, call the Student Publications Office at 357-5456.

The *Sauce* welcomes your submissions for Campus Connections, a free service to campus and community organizations. Bring your Connection to Room 225, or e-mail it to currentsauce@hotmail.com.

POLICE BLOTTER

For this week's report on campus crime, see our website at www.currentsauce.com.

SGA swears in new members at banquet

By Justin Shatwell
Sauce Reporter

The SGA swore in its new administration at a banquet Monday night. Recently elected senators also took their oaths at the meeting.

The executive officers for next year are President Greg Comeaux, Vice President Scott Manguno and Treasurer Edward Boudreaux.

The SGA also handed out awards for the previous year. The outgoing executive officers as well as the outgoing speaker of the senate received plaques in honor of their service.

The award for new senator of the year was given to Amanda Breaux. The Commissioner of the year award was given to Greg Comeaux, and the senator of the year award was given to Scott Manguno.

The Student Supreme Court met April 23 to discuss the dispute over the commissioner of student affairs. They sided with Keith Gates' argument that the candidates involved in the election abstained from voting for themselves. The senate was operating under the assumption that all candidates would vote for themselves, but this was later found to be against Louisiana state voting laws.

The election results were changed to exclude the personal votes of the candidates. That changed the winner from Rachel Murry to Keith Gates.

REPORTS OF ARMY SIGHTINGS IN YOUR AREA

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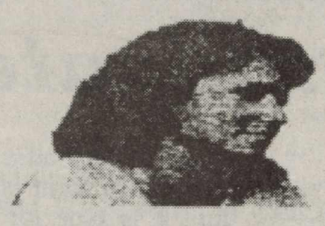

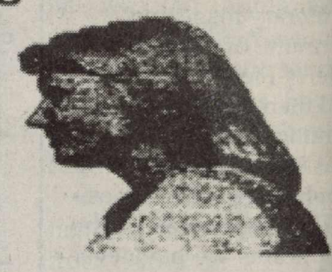

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West Nile –

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neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, occasional convulsions and paralysis for the more severe.

Some safety tips from the Louisiana Office of Public Health website are: reduce standing water in your yard, make sure all windows and doors have screens that are in good repair, wear a mosquito repellent containing 20-30% DEET for adults and no more than 10% for children on exposed skin only, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors for long periods of time, and avoid perfumes and colognes when outdoors for extended periods of time.

For more information, visit the Official Web page of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health online at http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/infectiousdisease/westnile/index.html.

Rodeo

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three weeks before spring break. He said that Sypert informed him that because the rodeo team had missed Gavel Club meetings, its charter would no longer be valid and it would no longer be a recognized student organization. He indicated, however, that the charter was later reapproved.

Manguno and Sypert stress that the rodeo team's lack of cooperation is not the focus of the bill.

"There are reasons why we don't feel the rodeo team should get that money, but we only have so much authority. We are definitely acting in the boundaries of our authority, and we're going to let the students totally decide. Our views are irrelevant because we each only get one vote in the fall," Manguno said.

Argus

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that the *Argus* would be completed in eight weeks at the most.

Kane said she had spoken with Mann on April 21, which was a little over seven weeks into the process. He had said that because of problems with the print job the *Argus* would not be finished by the last day of classes, which is Friday

"When I tried to pin him down as to whether the issue would be ready prior to the end of exams, he was evasive," Kane said.

April 25 was the original final deadline.

Kane said the staff spent a lot of time working on the magazine and it was scheduled to be published in plenty of time before the end of the semester.

"The student editors knocked themselves out to meet the deadline," Kane said,

"In some cases they stayed up all night to make their deadline."

She hopes that the *Argus* will be complete before the end of the semester.

Argus editor Glenn Ward, a junior print editorial major, was also disappointed about the magazine's delay.

"Dr. Kane, my staff and I set a deadline two weeks before Charlie's, and we met ours. This isn't our fault."

He also said Mann and his staff place the quality of the works that they print over deadlines. Ward said it would be better if Mann and his staff placed more emphasis on the two features collectively.

The staff will research other places where next year's *Argus* could be printed.

The 27-year-old annual spring magazine highlights a variety of student talent like poetry, short stories, and visual art.

If the *Argus* has not become available by the end of the semester, any students interested in receiving a copy can give their name and permanent address to Kane in Office 316-N of Kyser Hall.

Campus offers new summer jobs to students

By Garrett Guillotte
Editor in Chief

For the first time, NSU is offering all students a chance at an on-campus job this summer.

Previously limited largely to students that qualified for federal aid, the University's work study program is expanding.

Director of Enrollment Ina Agnew said the program not only avoided cuts this year but managed to increase its funding, allowing the University to offer more students jobs and loosen restrictions on hiring.

Agnew said the program grants preference to students enrolled in summer classes on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, she also said students do not have to be enrolled in all sessions, and students not registered for summer classes can still apply.

The application, available online and on campus (see sidebar), states that students must attach copies of their Social Security card and driver's license to their application.

Agnew said other identification documents may be accepted.

Also, Agnew said students with a grade point average below 2.0 will not be considered for employment.

Student Summer Work

Applications and information available at:

On-campus
Roy Hall 101
Student Union 305

Online
www.nsula.edu/studentemployment

Placement options:
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For more information:
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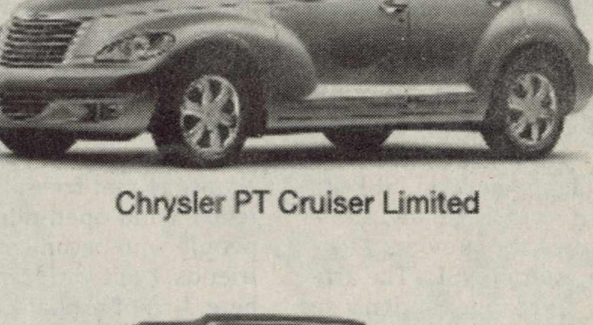
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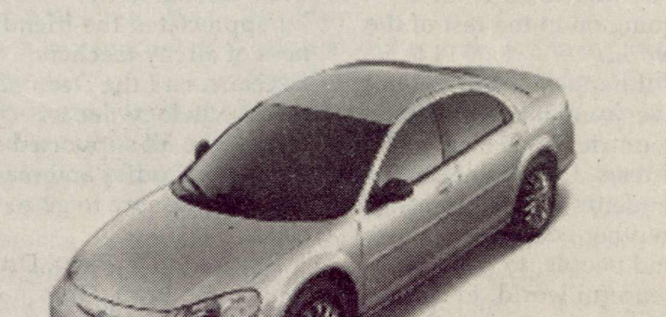
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Editorial —

The Monster Machine

Garrett Guillotte
Editor in chief

Absolute power doesn't actually corrupt absolutely.

I've got one that figured out for the ages, and that's after just one day as editor in chief of the *Sauce*.

After just 15 minutes of pure downhill skidding—computers going down left and right, new section editors needing help every time I turn around, late stories pouring in nonstop—I know what part of power corrupts.

It's the damnable stress of trying to keep using that power responisbly, even under the worst circumstances.

The only way to know how to handle that stress is to experience it a little at a time, like a vaccine, until you're immune. Even then, the effectiveness varies from person to person.

Only Warner Tureaud is returning as a student media leader, continuing his run as KNWD's manager that started this spring. New *Potpourri* editor Christine Harper and I both have previous experience with our publications.

But the media leader to keep an eye on this year is new *Argus* editor, junior English major Angelin Adams.

She's making the huge leap from captaining the Demon Dazzlers to heading the only student medium that's best known for its inability to produce on time—if it's known for anything at all anymore.

Last year's *Argus* was held up by the compact disc duplicator. This year's tardiness is on the head of its printer.

Julie Kane, *Argus*'s adviser, has got to be closer to being fed up with the position with each setback and complaint, with every unanswerable "Where's the *Argus*?" that comes her way.

I heard this week that editorships make monsters out of people in ways that no other job can. Christine, Warner, and I all know a little of that monster machine and on how to fight it.

But *Argus*, which is probably one more screw-up away from losing what's left of its support—staff's fault or not—is getting its first editor to be eligible only under the new, looser requirements approved by the student body last year.

Angelin's last editing experience came in high school, as an assistant editor of a faculty-controlled school newspaper. *Argus* is known for testing the limits of artistic expression and public standards of decency. Angelin made a passionate case against censorship to the Media Board, and we at the *Sauce* will definately be watching to see how she will deal with the inevitably controversial contributions of the student body.

She may have the discipline to defeat the monster-making machine that is the chief role of a student publication. But the stress of organizing and running a publication is a far different kind than that of captaining a dance team, and with *Argus*' unfairly tarnished reputation, there may not be room for error.

I'm hoping for the best. That goes without question. And after speaking with her, I have faith that Angelin can do as good a job with the *Argus* as outgoing editor Glenn Ward has.

I just hope that she sees this not only as an opportunity to further her resume with a solid product, but also as a chance to go above and beyond and do something fantastically difficult at this University—to turn some heads in a good way and catch the students' attention with something powerful, relevant and worthwhile.

Same goes for me, though. And I won't get far on that path if I end up blowing up these brain damaged Macintoshes before tomorrow.

Sauce Columns —

Dominating final exams

Edward Boudreaux
Columnist

Finals week starts tomorrow for those of us wise enough to continue our education at least one more semester, and it can be a hectic and stressful week. Here are a few tips to keep your cool while ensuring that you lock down that 4.0 you have been working for all semester.

The most important thing you need to have while studying and taking your final is PMA. The essential ingredient to doing well is having a Positive Mental Attitude.

Think about it; you have been going to class and taking notes, except when the rain was really heavy, or the sunny day was too beautiful to be wasted in class. You already heard the material once, and that combined with studying will secure the information, allowing it to come to the front of your mind at the appropriate time.

A great way to study is with a group. But only invite those who are actually going to spend the time studying, not those who are going to complain about how hard the final is going to be. They will slow you down, and bring down your PMA.

Before heading to your study group, you should spend some time studying on your own so that you will not have to waste the group's time going over elementary aspects of the class. With most groups, you will have members that understand several concepts, while others will understand different concepts. Then you teach one another the concepts each person knows best.

So when is the best time to study, the morning of or the night before the final? *Neither*. This is the final test of the year, and for most classes it will be weighted heavier, thus requiring additional preparation. You should begin studying on your own several days before the exam and ideally meet with your group two days before the exam.

When you study earlier in the week, it gives the information more of an opportunity to sink in and become part of your long-term memory. When you study with your group you may discover that you are all confused on one area, if the test is still a day away, then you have time to get help from the instructor.

Take the night before the final to review your notes, and then get a full night's worth of restful sleep knowing that you are going to ace that final. Wake up early enough to get a good breakfast- not Oreos in milk, but a balanced breakfast that will keep your brain supplied with all the fuel it needs.

I like to get to the test room a few minutes early and inject PMA into my classmates, but some people prefer not to get distracted and often remaining outside until the scheduled time. Wherever you are, take these few minutes to do some deep breathing exercises to calm down and focus your energy. You may also take a moment of prayer, asking your deity of choice for strength, confidence and the assistance to do the best that you can do.

When the exam is passed out, write your name and then write some motivational saying in big bold letters across the top of the exam or scantron. I use *Dominate* occasionally combined with a 4.0 on all my tests. Then when you start taking the test, answer those questions you know and skip the ones you cannot answer right off.

After you have finished answering the easy ones take a deep breath and flip back to the front where you wrote dominate. Think about how you are going to ace this final and then go back through answering the harder ones. Continue this cycle of flipping through your test until you have answered all the questions.

If time permits, take another short break where you relax yourself with a few breaths and then review the entire test to ensure you chose the correct answer. If you are unsure of what an answer should be, go with your first guess as it is usually correct.

If you are taking a multiple choice test, don't forget to eliminate the wrong answers. Also, be aware that tests sometimes answer previous questions when stating the current question.

After you have turned in your final, it is time for some exercise followed by relaxation before studying for your next final. Exercise not only reduces physical and mental stress, but it also helps center your mind for the coming challenges. Now that the Rec Center is open you can do some swimming, sunbathing or can play my favorite sport- Water Polo.

You are officially ready to spank your finals and begin the summer. Just remember, even if you come a little short of your 4.0, there is always next semester. Dominate!

Courtesy to the physically challenged

Demon Decorum
with Katy Andres

Have you ever noticed the last paragraph on most syllabi?

You know, the one that states NSU's policy regarding students with special needs and/or disabilities.

Well, University faculty are not the only people who should give physically challenged people special consideration; it should also come from their fellow Demons.

The first thing to remember is that disabled people are no different from anyone else aside from their physical restrictions.

It is also important to keep in mind that the tools a disabled person uses are an extension of their own person. Unless you are helping someone to get around, there is no need to touch or hang on their wheelchair. If you see a blind person using a cane, avoid getting in their way. If they are using a seeing-eye dog, remember that the dog is not a pet; it is their job to guide and protect its owner, and petting or talking to the dog can distract it from its job.

When you are assisting someone who is blind, allow them to take your arm so that you are guiding and not propelling them around.

When in conversation with someone who is physically challenged, there are some important things to keep in mind:

- Always address people directly, not through their companions or nurse.
- When you talk at a length with a person who uses a wheelchair, try to place yourself at their eye level to spare them, and yourself, a strained neck
- When you greet a person with a severe loss of vision, be sure to state your name and the name of your companions with their physical placement, such as "On my right is Bob Jones, and to his right is Jane Smith."
- Never pretend to understand if you don't. This will not only patronized the person you are speaking with, but it will keep you from benefiting from the conversation.
- If you are speaking with someone with a severe or total hearing loss, shouting will not make much of a difference. Speak clearly, but not so slow as to be insulting, and if necessary, use written notes.

A few more common courtesies to consider:

- If you see someone with a disability who may need assistance, ask first if you may help them. If they say yes, listen carefully to any instructions they may give you.
- When giving directions to someone in a wheelchair, keep in mind distance, stairs, curbs, steep hills, and other obstacles, such as the ever-present construction on this campus.
- When walking alongside someone with a disability, let them set the pace.
- Remember to include specific distance references when giving directions to someone with a visual disability, such as "go right at 15 feet" or "step up the curb at 10 yards".

Remember, physically challenged people deserve as much respect as people without disabilities. The best way to assist them is to treat them with the dignity you would want bestowed upon yourself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

German exchange student praises ISEP, faculty

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the article about Exchange Students. I am an ISEP student from Germany, and studied the previous semester at NSU. The article "Exchange Students see few problems abroad" seems to me as a discussion about only the disadvantages and risks of studying abroad, e.g. SARS, terrorism, and political instability, which are in deed serious problems.

Your article may prevent somebody to go abroad because it increases the fear of foreign countries. It is always good to look over the own boundaries and stay interested what is going on in the rest of the world.

It happens a lot, but not every and not only foreign countries are a source of threats. I want to encourage students to stay interested in other countries, cultures and people, to work for a peaceful world, to think critical about what they tell us in the media and to go abroad. I am sure that widens your mind and leads to more understanding.

My stay here at NSU confirmed that again. I got the chance to met friendly, relaxed and open-minded people who became my friends. I felt very safe here. I want to thank all of you who made my stay here such a positive experience!

Special thanks go to Jeanne& Klint who were there for me 24/7. I want to thank all who were there for me and made this a good experience. I am glad I had the chance to meet other International Students and "music majors" who always were informed about events and the latest international news.

I appreciated the friendliness of all my teachers, advisors, and the Dean of the psychology department, who all supported me in my studies and made it a real pleasure to go to class.

Thanks to Dr. Picht, Dr. Wolffe, Dr. Pratt, Dr. Schicketanz and his wife Helen who always cared for me.

I can conclude that my stay here at NSU was a success and I am sure that you will make similar, positive experiences when you are going abroad. You are all welcome to visit Germany and Europe, to write emails and to keep in touch with me.

Esther Kruppa

Reader suggests Jindal should go "back to India," avoid "grab at power" as Louisiana governor

Dear Editor,

I read with interest about the candidacy of Mr. (Bobby) Jindal for the seat of Governor of Louisiana. He has close political ties to the White House. He used to be the Assistant Secretary of Health. He is supposed to be a Rhodes scholar, former McKinsey Co. consultant and he is the son of Indian immigrants.

He is also 31 years old.

I believe the people of Louisiana would be interested in what happened in the Pacific Northwest of Canada when Indian immigrants swept through the election process and effectively took over British Columbia. There is another example of their behavior in Madagascar which has been in Civil War for nearly 20 years now. Mr. Jindal's candidacy is not, in my opinion, cause for celebration of the American way of life, but an indictment against the unfettered and uncaring immigration policies that have flooded our nation with illegals and taken jobs away from hard working Americans.

Mr. Jindal ran away from his Department of Health job in order to grab at power. A person like that, in my opinion, cannot be trusted with power. It would be best that this Rhodes scholar and wonderful politician take his fantastic abilities back to India to help the people there. Perhaps he could convince them to stop building nuclear weapons instead of picking our pockets.

Sincerely,
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Canton, MI

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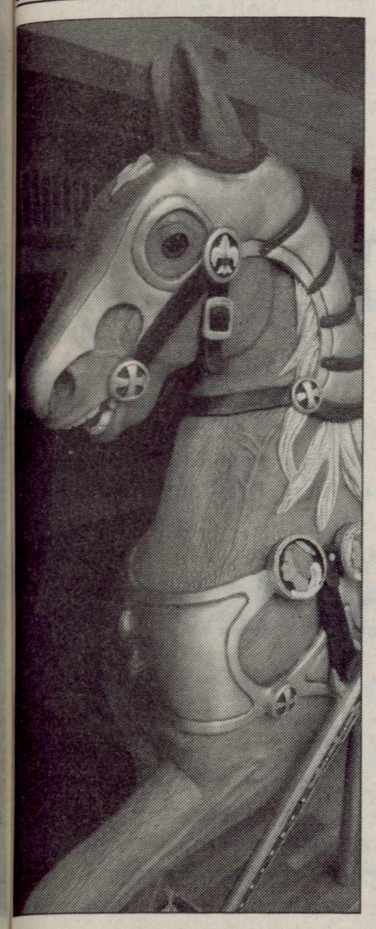

Photo by Cheryl Thompson
Victorie, part of Yankowski's display at NSU's Hanchey Gallery.

Carousel carving exhibit on display

By Maria Yun
Sauce Reporter

A horse has been standing on NSU's campus with a lion and a giraffe.

The horse is wearing an ornament wood-carved saddle and has watching people with its glass eyes.

The woodcarving exhibition by NSU art professor Michael Yankowski, "Three Carousel Figures," is on display through May 7 in the Orville Hanchey Gallery on campus.

The exhibition consists of three carved animals.

"The Horse of Joan of Arc" has numerous symbols related to Joan of Arc, a french symbol and catholic saint. The carving were made for Yankowski's wife who has the same French name, Joan. The carving took 18 months to complete.

"When I started, I thought it could be done in a few weeks. You have to go step by step," Yankowski said.

"Sarah's Lion," Yankowski's second piece, contains several symbols of representative of his daughter Sarah, such as a Catholic cross and her favorite flowers. It took more than 600 hours to complete.

"Giraffe and Monkey" features the contrasts between a large giraffe neck and a small monkey hanging on the giraffe.

Yankowski studied carousel carving in Tennessee and traveled to Austria to learn another style of carving. He said the artistic carousel carving is distinguished by the personal touches he adds to his art.

The carving process, techniques and tools Yankowski used are also displayed in the exhibition. Full sized animal figures are carved in individual sections, which are further divided into several even parts. Coloring is done after all the carving is done.

Yankowski has been a professor of art for 17 years and takes on new works often. He had exhibited his work both regionally and nationally and is currently represented in the Carl Robinson Gallery in New Orleans.

The exhibition of Yankowski's carousel figures is on display daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. free of charge.

Theater department welcomes new director

By Tasha N. Braggs
L&E Editor

The new NSU theater department head makes the transition from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

After six years of being at ULM, Roger Held, a native of Detroit, Mich., is scheduled to begin at NSU on July 1. Held will replace the current theater department head, Jack Wann, who is retiring after this semester to pursue a career in New York.

"Roger Held is a wonderful choice for the department," Wann said. "We have met several times and his head and heart are in the right place."

Held

"I decided to come to NSU because it is very positive, great opportunities, and the students work hard," Held said. "NSU is a place that is good and is ready to move to the next step of being better."

Held said that he will be working this summer with the faculty on accreditation and planning for the department.

"I would like to see a program that promotes the creation of new works from the region," Held said.

Held first received his motivation to participate in the arts from his junior high school teacher Helen Garlington.

He graduated from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree, a master's degree from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

He also severed in the army for three and a half years where he traveled to such countries as Germany, Japan, and Italy.

"It was in graduate school that I knew I wanted to be an artistic director," Held said. "I had a wonderful experience at Bowling Green because they not only taught me a great deal about art and theater but also about life."

Outside of his artistic life, Held said that he enjoys gardening and fixing on his home. He and his wife Trish, who is a voice teacher at ULM, have two sons named Nathan and Christopher.

Held said that he and his family are excited about moving to Natchitoches and will always have fond memories of Monroe.

"We have a lot of friends here at ULM," Held said. "We will keep these relationships for a long time and look forward to making new ones in Natchitoches."

Photo by Candice Pauley
Juantia Fowler, Debie Holden and Lydia Lewis walk Friday night at the NSU football field for the Relay for Life. The fundraiser raised more than $90,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life walks for a cause

By Linda Held
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches' annual Relay for Life fundraiser earned $90,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The event ran from 7 p.m. Friday 7 a.m. Saturday at the NSU football field.

Teams for Relay for Life get together and hold various fund raisers before the actual event itself.

"People form teams and fund raise to make money for the American Cancer Society," teams co-captain Amanda Koob said. "Captains are in charge of getting everything together and myself and Kate Wakely were in charge of the team for the Catholic Student Organization (CSO) at Holy Cross Church."

The CSO had several fundraisers throughout the year before the event.

"We started last year and are trying to make it an annual thing for Relay for Life that we have a jambalaya dinner the first weekend in April at Holy Cross," Koob said. "We sold tickets (for the jambalaya) and asked local businesses for anything they could donate in either monetary value or otherwise, and we made baskets (with those items) to raffle off and made money that way too."

Other groups like Alpha Sigma Alpha, who teamed up with Theta Chi, sold hot dogs at the event and gave each member of the sorority the responsibility of raising ten dollars on their own, Alpha Sigma Alpha team captain Nicole Sullivan said.

"We raised, I think, about $500," Alpha Sigma Alpha team member Kristin Huben said.

The event was more than just walking around the football field and raising money.

There were also games and contests to keep the walkers entertained. There was a volleyball tournament, a womanless beauty contest, an air band contest and other activities.

"They had a midnight snack contest," Sullivan said. "(Your team) had to make a midnight snack. And the healthier it was the more points you got."

"The goal of Relay for Life in the Natchitoches area was $90,000," Koob said. "They announced they were $400 short of their goal and so everybody was digging in their wallets because you came so far, you don't want to fall short by just $400. One of the sponsors, like CP-Tel or the Ramada Inn wrote a $400 check, so then everyone was bringing money up, not knowing that it had been reached, so we actually went over the goal."

Photo by Candice Pauley
Barbie reminds Relay for Life participants to get regular checkups.

Ring in the *Parade*: NSU theater ends with successful musical

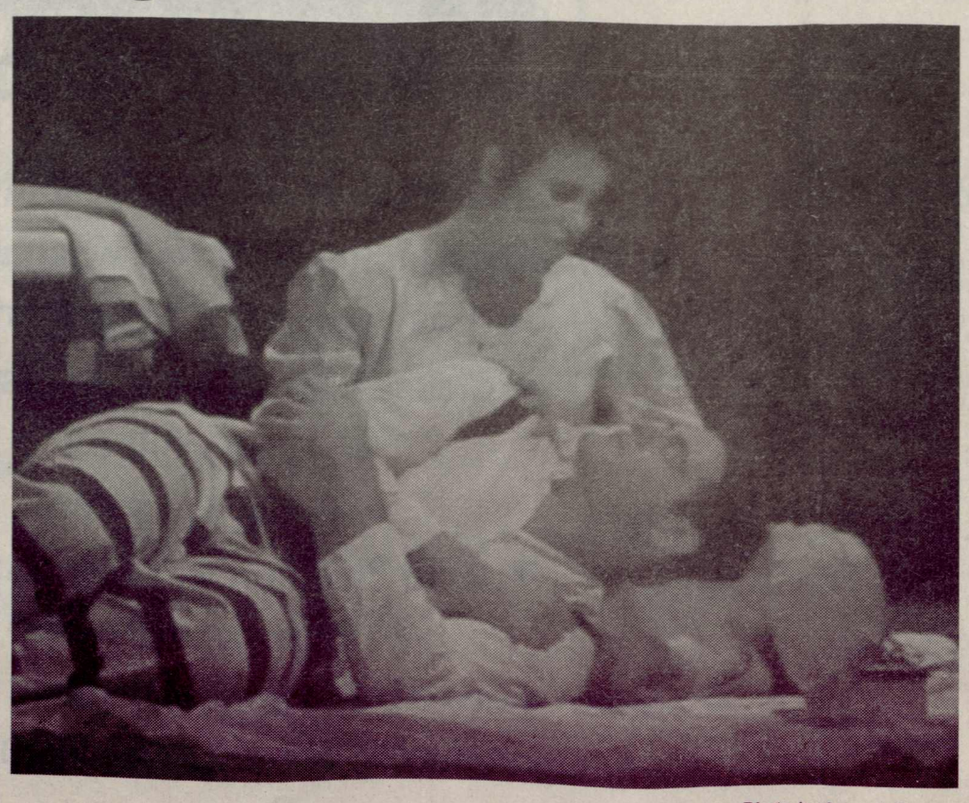

Photo by Amanda Breaux
Jessica Marasco and Michael Batusic enjoy a picnic in a scene from NSU theater's "Parade."

By Amanda Breaux
Sauce Reporter

The final production of the musical, *Parade* ended the spring semester for NSU theater Wednesday.

Scott Burell did it again in Jason Robert Brown's musical adaptation of Alfred Uhry's book about post-Civil War Georgia, in which a man is convicted of a crime he did not commit.

Burell directed the cast in a way that brought the words and lyrics to life.

Michael Batusic gave a powerful performance as Leo Frank.

Hugh Dorsey's character portrayed by James H. Palmer Jr. came across as vile as a southern politician can be.

The performances that stuck out in my mind start ed with Christopher Ware's last minute success as Britt Craig.

Ware did a superb job playing a character that lives a struggled life that is similiar to many individuals' lives here in Natchitoches.

Jessica Marasco as Lucille Frank and Frankie Epps and Adam Carl Peyton respectively stuck out for different reasons.

Marasco portrayed a character that transforms from the classic southern wife to a woman who is truly her husband's partner, which was a rarity at the time.

Peyton did a great job being both a comedic actor in "The Picture Show" and a boy grieving in "It Don't Make Sense."

While his performances were awesome in their diversity, I was left asking if the character or Peyton himself was responsible for my reactions.

On opening night, I experienced what a friend described as the most profound performance to ever come out of the NSU Theatre department.

It is appalling that the autidorium was half full.

The cast, crew, and orchestra drew amazing energy from such a thin response.

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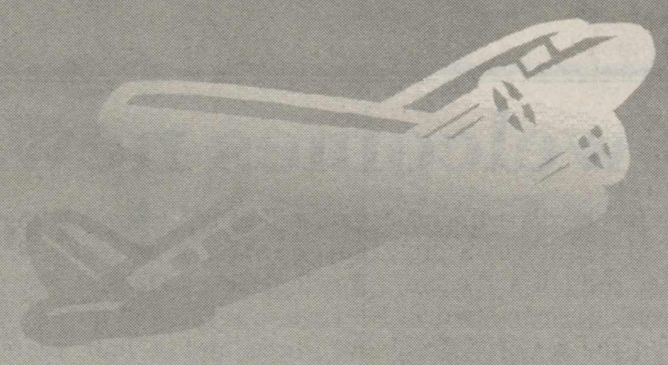

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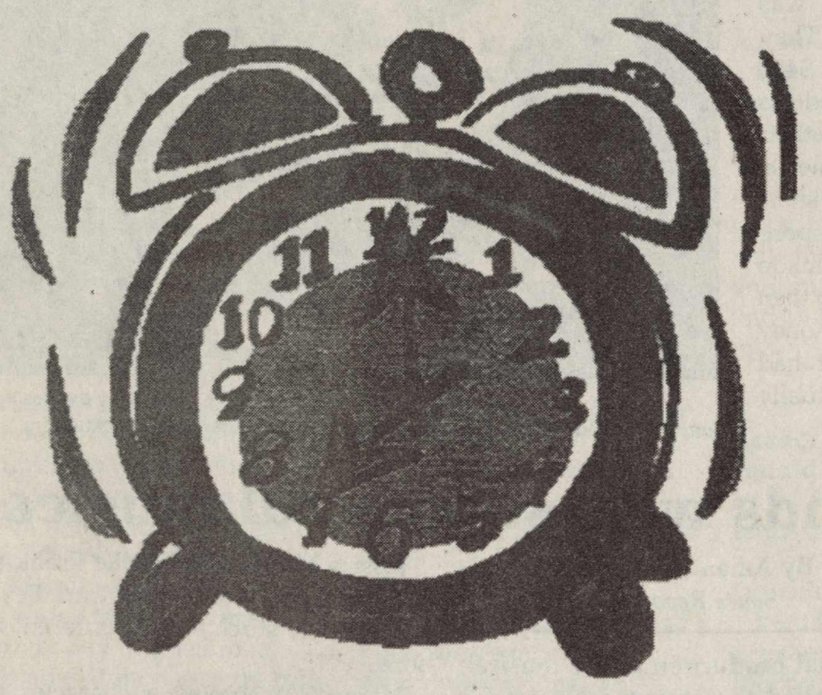

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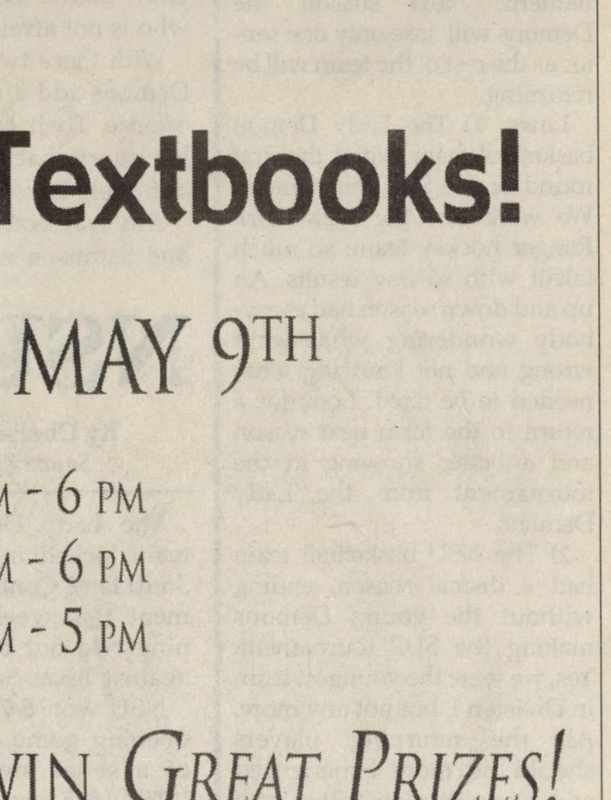

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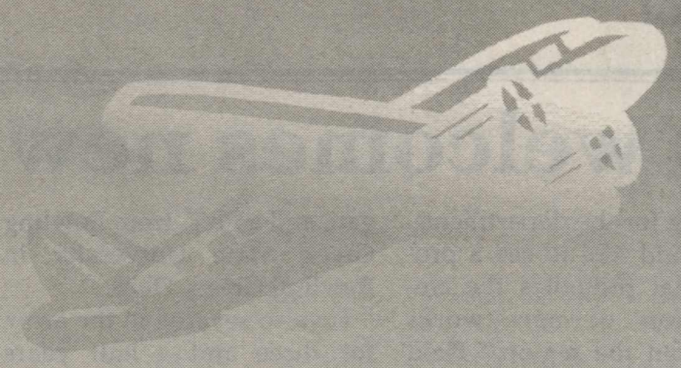

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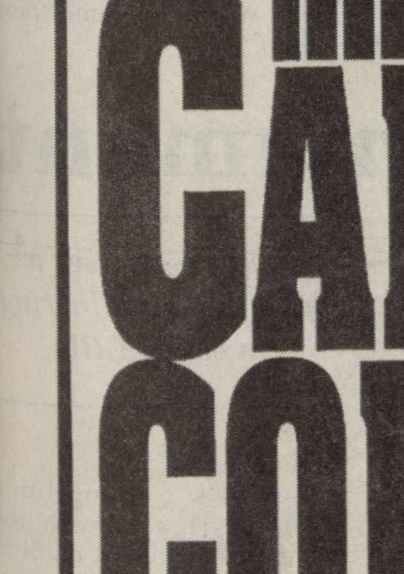

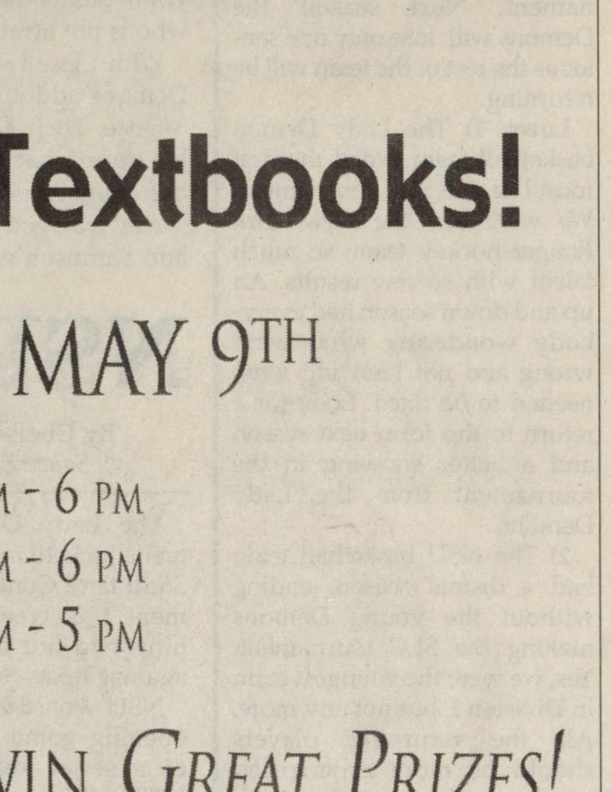

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The way I see it:
Highs, Lows

By Patrick West
Sauce Reporter

West

The spring semester is practically over with only finals left to take (ugh!). Here is a quick review of the highs and lows of spring sports, The Way I See It style.

Highs: 1) Terrence McGee is drafted in the fourth round by the Buffalo Bills. A bright future is in store for McGee. Who thought things looked bleak after Montana creamed us in the playoffs?

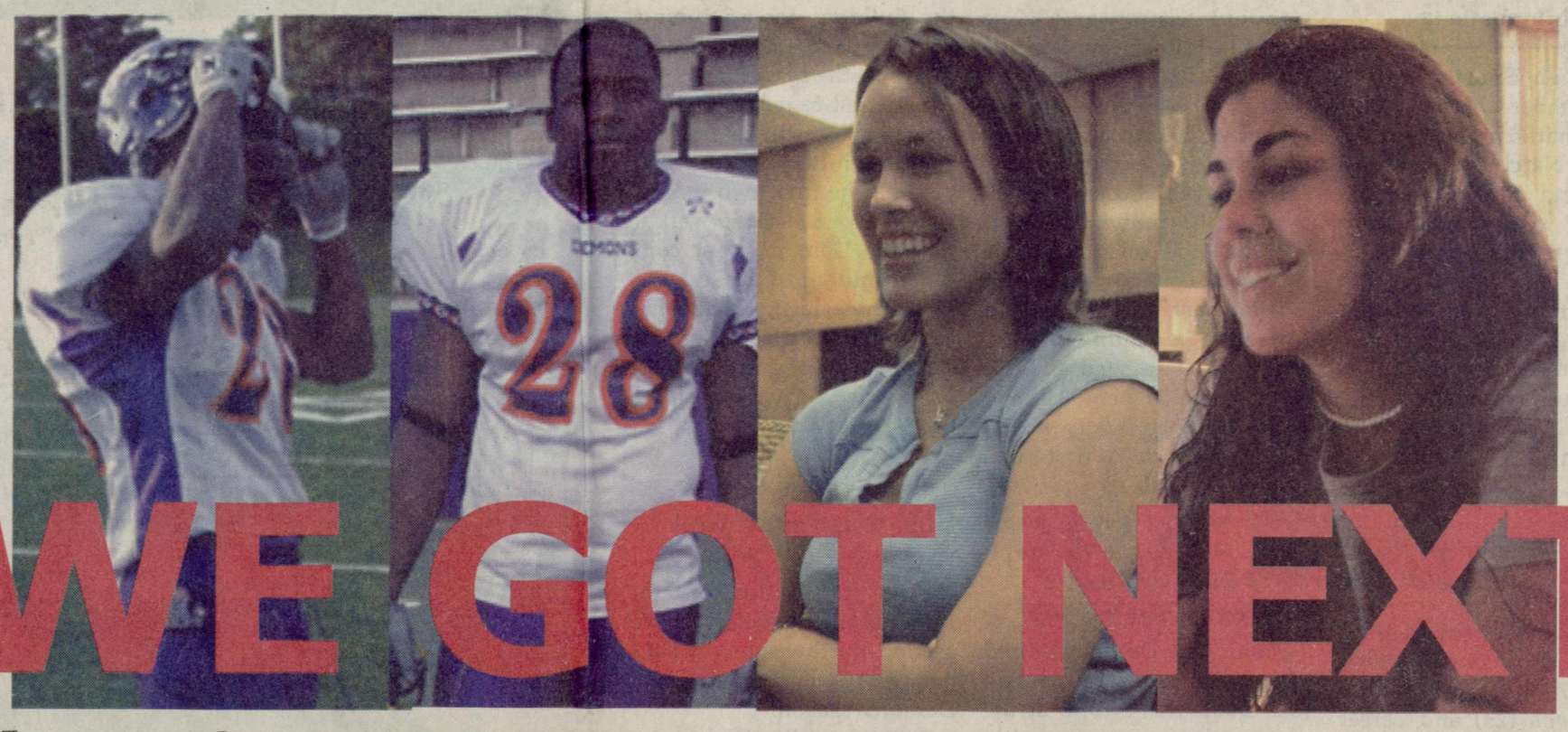
2) The NSU softball team made the conference tournament. The beginning of the season was looking bleak with the Demon bats slumbering but now after a score fest against UTA the bats are awake and hungry. Things looked down in and out after NSU started 2-18, but now the Lady Demons are rolling, finishing the season with a 25-12 record right in time for the tournament. Great pitching and hitting will lead the Lady Demons deep into the tournament (hopefully winning it).

3) The NSU Demon baseball team is heading for another post season. A group of returning and new players have the Demons headed for another shot at a tournament title. Will the curse finally be broken this year or will another early exit haunt the Demons until next season? A stronger schedule might help the Demons reach the NCAA tournament if they lose in the SLC tournament.

4) The NSU tennis team made the conference tournament two years in a row. The hard working girls that fly underneath the radar of fan support had another superb season but were beaten in the first round of the tournament. Next season the Demons will lose only one senior as the rest of the team will be returning.

Lows: 1) The Lady Demon basketball team exited the first round of the SLC tournament. We were like the New York Ranger hockey team: so much talent with so few results. An up and down season had everybody wondering what went wrong and not knowing what needed to be fixed. Look for a return to top form next season and a better showing in the tournament from the Lady Demons.

2) The NSU basketball team had a dismal season, ending without the young Demons making the SLC tournament. Yes, we were the youngest team in Division I, but not any more. All the returning players should be more experienced and ready to play better with fewer mistakes. Look for the Demons to return to some winning ways but not quite back to Dayton form just yet.



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WE GOT NEXT

Johnese, Sampson, Priest, Belo hungry to win next season

By Patrick West and Josh Barrios
Sauce Reporters

Though much of the campus is focused on finals and graduation, many in the athletics department have their sights set further into the future.

There are four athletes in particular who are looking toward next season and hope the NSU campus will be watching.

The Demon football team has two things to look forward to next season in running backs Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson.

Johnese and Sampson were last season's one-two punch that had defenses guessing all season. Though head coach Scott Stoker said the team does not have its identity yet, he says he knows the running backs will be ready for action.

While the two running backs are in constant competition, their different running styles allow them to produce nearly every time they get the ball. Last season Johnese ran 960 yards with 14 touchdowns and Sampson gained 170 yards with seven touchdowns.

> *"They are a threat any time they touch the ball."*
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> On Johnese and Sampson

"It takes mature players to handle the football the way they do," Stoker said.

Not only do they play well together at the same position, but Stoker points out that they do it using two different running styles.

"Derrick is a quick mover who will get around you," Stoker said. "Shelton is more of a hard hitter who is not afraid to lay into you."

With these two styles working hand in hand, the Demons add a new dimension to their already able offense. Their catching abilities also give Stoker and his quarterbacks two options that Stoker says will definitely be used more often.

Any way you look at it, the combination of Johnese and Sampson will be in full effect next season, and Stoker said he is ready to use them.

"They are a threat any time they touch the ball," Stoker said.

Soccer produces conference star

Sitting across from the player of the year in Southland Conference Soccer was hard to believe. Who would have believed after a slew of injuries that somehow the Lady Demons would prevail, win the SLC tournament and head to the NCAA tournament for the second time in four years?

Katie Priest, the SLC player of the year, said it was exciting to be a part of the team that overcame so much in one season. NSU finished the year with an overall record 12-6-5 and a conference record of 6-2-4, finishing in second place.

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> **-Katie Priest**
> SLC Player of the Year

She is only the second sophomore defender to be named the league's top athlete in the conference.

"I want to go out and have another good season, not just myself but my team as well," Priest said. "Awards are nice but I have other goals like play well and be a leader for the team, it is better when I win with the team."

NSU then moved on to the SLC Tournament and upset the top-seeded Southeastern University Lions. The Lady Demons were then ousted in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against Texas A&M.

Priest said it gave the team confidence for next fall by overcoming the injuries that plagued them throughout the year. She says that hopefully they will all stay healthy and is glad a talented group of players has come back.

The Lady Demons wasted no time returning to top form in the spring on a road trip to play against Florida and Alabama teams. NSU won the tournament title in Alabama, winning five straight games.

"The spring shows we have a chance in the fall and to keep working hard and to know that the title will not just be handed to us," Priest said.

"We will be getting lights next year and more fun at night," Priest said. "The games are real intense."

Next season will be exciting and more students should come out and watch, Priest said.

Belo is volleyball's diamond in the rough

A long, rough season is finally over for the Lady Demon volleyball team. As they look to the future for a better season, a shining star is on the rise. Flavia Belo is a returning outside setter that looks to improve the NSU volleyball team and return it to its winning ways.

Belo is leading an experienced team that lost only one senior last year. The rest of the team is returning for the 2003 season.

"I am really excited for next season with new players and just overall excited about our chances in the fall," Belo said.

Belo said the team is working hard in the off-season by running and lifting weights to get ready for the new season. She also said that the Lady Demons have played in three spring tournaments and finished in first and second place.

The Lady Demons have a team goal of reaching the SLC conference tournament and hopefully as a player will try to be all-conference setter, Belo said.

Belo said she hopes that next season more people will watch the Lady Demons and recognize the hard work from the off-season.

"I am just thankful to be here at NSU and that the hard work is finally paying off for us," Belo said. "I am pretty sure that we will win more games next year and have a better season."

NSU softball to host SLC Tournament

By Chelsea Smith
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The Lady Demon softball team locked in a spot in the Southland Conference tournament this weekend by winning two out of three games against Texas-San Antonio.

NSU won 8-7 in Saturday's opening game, but fell short of a series sweep losing to UTSA 8-5 on Sunday. The Lady Roadrunners hit four home runs in the win with two in the first on a back-to-back job. Katrina Walker hit a two-run homer in the third inning to tie the final game but UTSA pulled away in the fourth for the win.

The Lady Demons exploded Saturday for 24 runs, 30 hits and 7 home runs in a 16-4 blowout win. Kiana Scott set a school record in Saturday's game racking in seven RBI's against the Lady Roadrunners. The 16-run total was the most scored in a game by NSU since 1988 and was the second highest total in school history.

"The girls played extremely well this weekend," Head Coach Eileen Schmidt said.

The Lady Demons took fourth place in the conference overall and ended SLC play with a 14-13 record.

The Demon Diamond will host the SLC Softball tournament for the second year in a row. The tournament is set to begin this weekend with NSU facing McNeese.

Last year the Lady Demons won the tournament after finishing second in conference play, earning them a spot into the NCAA tournament. The team is hoping for a repeat of last year's tournament success.

"This team has magic when it comes to the tournament," Schmidt said. "Whoever fires up and plays will win it."

Play begins at 11 a.m. Friday with regular season champ Texas-Arlington meeting sixth-seed Sam Houston. Second-seed Southwest Texas plays No. 5 Nicholls State at 1:30 with fourth-seed NSU and No. 3 McNeese State battling at 4 p.m. The losers of the first two games will play at 6:30 p.m.to conclude the opening day.

> *Kiana Scott set a school record, hitting in seven RBIs*

Saturday's competition begins at 11 a.m. with the championship round on Sunday. The winner of the tournament advances to the NCAA tournament. All Students get in free with student IDs this weekend.

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